Name	Six thinking hats
Brief Description	The Six Thinking Hats is a role-playing model presented by Edward de Bono in 1986. The process of the six thinking hats introduces the process of parallel thinking – unconscious thoughts, prejudices and reactions that accompany an idea
Methodology	The six different frames of mind (six thinking hats) are identified in the shape of a hat and each of the hat has a different color:  White: facts and information  Red: feeling and emotions  Black: critical judgement  Yellow: positive  Green: new ideas  Blue: the big picture/managing  Having identified the six modes of thinking that can be accessed, distinct programs can be created. These are sequences of hats which encompass and structure the thinking process toward a distinct goal. A number of these are included in the materials provided to support the franchised training of the six hats method; however it is often necessary to adapt them to suit an individual purpose.  Sequences always begin and end with a blue hat; the group agrees together how they will think, then they do the thinking, then they evaluate the outcomes of that thinking and what they should do next. Sequences (and indeed hats) may be used by individuals working alone or in groups[VR1].
Estimated planning time needed:	1-2h
Objective	It serves as a team-based problem solving and brainstorming technique that can be used to explore problems and solutions and uncover ideas and options that might otherwise be overlooked by a homogeneously thinking group.
Time estimated:	30 min to 2h
Composition of audience:	All audiences suit this format
Experience level required:	Divergent level of experience among participants is envisaged
Number of audience:	<10
Level of complexity and possible challenges	Medium - The presenter should have good knowledge and organisational skills.

## Picture



## **Relevant sources**

Barkley, E. F., Cross, K. P., & Major, C. H. (2014). Collaborative learning techniques: A handbook for college faculty. John Wiley & Sons.

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The six thinking hats, available at <a href="http://cionext.com/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=899:the-sixthinking-hats&catid=32:gadgets&ltemid=48">http://cionext.com/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=899:the-sixthinking-hats&catid=32:gadgets&ltemid=48</a>