De Bono’s Six Thinking Hats©

How to Implement
1. Place the work on the wall and give a critique using the statement/s under each hat. That is, introduce the de Bono Thinking Hats and use those with which the students are least familiar as a starting point. The value system of each hat needs to be promoted and this should be covered early in the session so they become more open to suggestion and feel positive about any feedback they receive. Therefore start with blue and encourage them to go around the work and use post-it notes for their suggestions. If time allows follow this up with another hat chosen on the basis of results from the first round.

2. Use when thinking about an idea within a group.

3. Or understand where there may be a problem in the group dynamics.

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What are these hats?

**Blue: Summarise**
Overview or process control

**Red: Gut Feelings**
Intuition, feelings and emotions

**Yellow: Benefits**
Logical and positive
Why will it work?
Who will it benefit?

**Green: Idea Generation**
Creativity, alternatives, provocations

**White: Facts**
Objective facts and figures
What is needed?
How can it be found?

**Black: Drawbacks**
Judgement, caution, negative views, weak points