

Activity: 6 thinking hats

Addresses: Teamwork; Leadership; Communication.

Aims/Intended Learning Outcomes: Students have to adapt to different ideologies and ways of thinking. Some students will act as leaders to coordinate activity.

Time required: A session of two hours so as to exchange the roles several times between the different groups.

Group size: At least 6 teams of 3 or 4 people are needed.

Context/setting: In the classroom.

Description: The human brain thinks in a number of distinct ways which can be deliberately challenged. We will have six different hats each of which represents a way of thinking (Managing - Blue; Information - White; Emotions - Red; Discernment - Black; Optimistic response - Yellow; Creativity - Green). The group is divided into six teams and each colored hat is assigned to one group. One topic is presented to the group and each team will have to value and debate about the topic bearing in mind the type of thinking that predominates in their group according to their hat. The people wearing the hat will lead the team. This role could be rotated as well as the assignation of the hats to the different teams. During the activity, the conclusions of each team could be posted on twitter and shared in the big group in order to establish debate among the participants.

Variations: The managing role associated to the blue hat could be made by the trainer and then only 5 groups will be necessary.

Materials needed: 6 hat of 6 colors to represent each group, a computer and a projector to comment the messages in twitter.

Behind the activity:

Inspired by: 6 thinking hats

(http://www.debonogroup.com/six_thinking_hats.php)

Any other comments: