

De Bono Thinking Hats Skit.

NARRATOR: (Delegate)

- Now I need the 6 talented professional Al-Anon actors to step up to the stage. The Board of Trustees shared De Bono's 6 Thinking Hats approach while we discussed issues relating to translation of Conference Approved Literature. This strategy was introduced as another method to facilitate discussion, to work with KBDM, but not replace KBDM.
- What I especially loved about this strategy was that it gave us another way to focus. Like if Conference members were instructed to step up to the Mic and share their "Green Hat" Creative Ideas, and someone started to switch and only talk about the possible problems, the moderator might say "Oops... I think you switched to Black Thinking Hat."
- So today we will do a very short demonstration of the 6 Thinking Hats with a problem that could occur in a Al-Anon/Alateen group.
- The PROBLEM is that: Their meeting needs to find a new location. The church where they have been holding their meeting is closing. They have one month to find another location. We'll start with the Red Hat member.

RED HAT: I feel... betrayed. Lost. Devastated. Sad. I'm angry that we don't have more time! But, on the other hand I'm Happy. I never liked this church anyway!

BLUE HAT: OK, lets figure it out. I'll make a chart for how we will proceed. Let's take a look at the real issues. Let's gather the facts and list the pros & cons of new locations. I'll create a list of the churches in the area for us to call/visit.

BLACK HAT: There is no way we will find another location. All of the churches around here are already booked. Many of the churches are now requiring insurance. Last time we moved it took months to find a new location! New members will never be able to find us.

WHITE HAT: OK, we know our meeting usually has 10 people. We need a parking lot and a bathroom available. We need to have heat and AC in the room. We've been able to pay \$30 per month and we have \$50 in reserve.

GREEN HAT: I have some ideas! Lets meet at my house. Or maybe we can put up a tent in the church parking lot so we are still at the same location? Maybe we can meet at the park or Starbucks? Or if the church doesn't have a bathroom, we can bring a port-a-potty each week. I can bring water & a tub to wash our hands.

YELLOW HAT: You know, a move could be a good thing. Our membership has dropped and maybe a new location might draw new members. Maybe at a new spot we can serve coffee? Sometimes a change is a great thing!

NARRATOR: I hope this quick skit gave you the general idea of De Bono's 6 Thinking hats. Lets give the volunteers a big hand!

I Googled De Bono's Thinking Hats and there were many images available. This is the one I choose. As always..... Take What You Like... 😊!

PROCESS	 <p>Blue Hat - Process Thinking about thinking. What thinking is needed? Organizing the thinking. Planning for action.</p>	CREATIVITY	 <p>Green Hat - Creativity Ideas, alternatives, possibilities. Solutions to black hat problems.</p>
FACTS	 <p>White Hat - Facts Information and data. Neutral and objective. What do I know? What do I need to find out? How will I get the information I need?</p>	BENEFITS	 <p>Yellow Hat - Benefits Positives, plus points. Why an idea is useful. Logical reasons are given.</p>
FEELINGS	 <p>Red Hat - Feelings Intuition, hunches, gut instinct. My feelings right now. Feelings can change. No reasons are given.</p>	CAUTIONS	 <p>Black Hat - Cautions Difficulties, weaknesses, dangers. Spotting the risks. Logical reasons are given.</p>