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TOOL TEMPLATE: ASSUMPTION BUSTING

Reference: Creating Minds

Can your solution break assumed barriers?

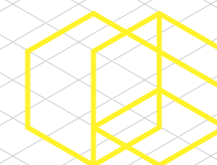
Complexity: Medium
Time required: 2-3 hours
Material required: pens
Other: It's best to do this activity in a group setting for more input, but it can also be done individually.

What is it for?

The Assumption Busting tool is used to help groups get out of current thinking paradigms and to view the problem by challenging its assumptions. Assumptions are truths that are left unchallenged. The tool helps you understand what these assumptions are and whether or not they actually represent barriers. It will also lead to further ideation through the process of "busting" or breaking the assumption down. This activity will also help in creating a Logic Model.

How to use it?

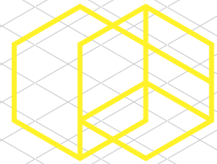
The first step is to make a list of all the assumptions. Typical assumptions are made on the following: things that appear to be impossible to accomplish due to various constraints like time and/or cost; things that work due to certain conditions, rules or regulations; and that people believe, think or need certain things. Once you have your list of assumptions, the task is then to challenge them. Try asking yourself: how could this not be true? How can we make that happen and better? If you're working in groups, you could divide the group into pairs in which one person is the assumption asserter taking on a more negative or "tangible" attitude and the other takes on the role of the assumption buster, assuming a more positive and optimistic attitude.



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