

## ToP Course overview

# Group Facilitation Methods

Introducing the foundations of the ToP approach – 2 days



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*"I found Group Facilitation Methods both practical and participatory. As tools the methods allow for different ways of seeing and thinking to be incorporated, and they also enable groups to reach informed consensus and decisions with relative ease. I have used them in a variety of contexts, and would recommend them to all group leaders and facilitators". – Ruth Moore, Upper North Belfast Community Empowerment Programme*

### Who this course is for

This course has no pre-requisite, but is the pre-requisite for all our intermediate & advanced courses. It is recommended both to newcomers to facilitation, and to experienced facilitators who are new to our approach.

### Questions this course answers

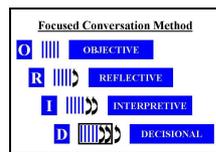
*"How can I have more purposeful & productive conversations, bring out the wisdom of a group, encourage feedback between people, and reach shared awareness in meetings? How can I generate and weave together a diverse range of ideas, develop creative solutions and build a group consensus?"*

This course provides a structured introduction to the Focused Conversation and Consensus Workshop methods, which form the foundations of the Action Planning method, Participatory Strategic Planning and other applications.

### What you will gain

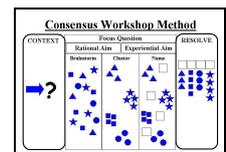
#### Focused Conversation

The Focused Conversation method provides a structure for effective communication which ensures that everyone in a group has the opportunity to participate.



#### Consensus Workshop

The Consensus Workshop method enables a facilitator to draw out and weave together everybody's wisdom into a clear and practical consensus.



### Learning style

The course presents the two methods in a practical and participatory way. Each method is first demonstrated, then analysed and discussed, and then practiced in supportive small groups with guided reflection & feedback. Finally, participants plan how they will apply each method in their own situations.

### For further details

including a case study of the methods in use, comments from previous course participants, course dates & locations, fees and on-line bookings...

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