

## Resource Sharing

Resource Sharing helps the presenter discover other resources to support them in expanding their possibilities. Sharing resources typically takes the form of either brainstorming, sharing of specific resources, or the sharing of teaching stories. We are all practiced in asking honest, open questions, but many of us are not so practiced in the practice of resource sharing. Here are tips and structures for resource sharing.

### Brainstorming

Brainstorming was designed for developing creative ideas and solutions to problems. There are four general rules for of brainstorming:

- Focus on quantity: This rule is a means of enhancing divergent production, aiming to facilitate problem solving through the maxim *quantity breeds quality*. The assumption is that the greater the number of ideas generated, the greater the chance of producing a radical and effective solution.
- Withhold criticism: In brainstorming, [criticism](#) of ideas generated should be put 'on hold'. Instead, participants should focus on extending or adding to ideas, reserving criticism for a later 'critical stage' of the process. By suspending judgment, participants will feel free to generate unusual ideas.
- Welcome unusual ideas: To get a good and long list of ideas, unusual ideas are welcomed. They can be generated by looking from new perspectives and suspending assumptions. These new ways of thinking may provide better solutions.
- Combine and improve ideas: Good ideas may be combined to form a single better good idea, as suggested by the slogan "1+1=3". It is believed to stimulate the building of ideas by a process of association.

### Sharing of Teaching Stories

*Sharing of teaching stories* helps the presenter hear the wisdom of others who have experience in similar situations. Stories should be kept brief and to the point. Teaching stories should have a specific teaching or sharing of wisdom as their focus. They might include the sharing of a similar experience, but that is not their point. Their point is the sharing of the teaching that comes through from the sharing of the story.

### Sharing of Specific Resources

We have the opportunity to share specific resources. This might be the title of a book, a video, or a person to talk to. If sharing the resource will be time consuming for any reason, then mention the resource and send out a reference to the resource to the circle through email. Along with sharing the resource, you will most likely want to share the purpose or relevance of the resource to the presenter's issue. Make sure to keep this brief and to the point.