



Decision-making processes

Use this activity to help guide the decision-making process or processes for your organisation, community or nation.

Task	Questions	What can we do?
<p>Look at the different types of decision making and discuss what would work best for your organisation, community or nation.</p>	<p>How has our group made decisions in the past?</p> <p>Are decisions usually made by consensus?</p> <p>What works?</p> <p>What doesn't?</p> <p>What sort of decisions does our group need to make?</p> <p>When do problems arise?</p> <p>Are there sometimes decisions that could involve a conflict of interest?</p>	
<p>Decide what type of decision-making process your group will use.</p>	<p>Should we always rely on one form of decision making or would a mix of methods also work?</p>	
<p>Develop a decision-making protocol.</p>	<p>Who needs to be consulted when we are making decisions?</p> <p>If agreement can't be reached, what other decision-making methods will we use?</p> <p>Do different methods work better for different types of decisions (such as operational or strategic decisions)?</p> <p>What role does traditional authority play in our decision making?</p> <p>Are there any time limits for decisions?</p>	
<p>Make sure your board or leaders has all the information it needs.</p>	<p>How can we improve the informed quality of decisions made by our board or leaders?</p> <p>What can we use to improve the flow of information and the quality of decisions?</p> <p>Could we use explanatory tools, visual tools or training?</p>	
<p>Have a protocol in place to break deadlocks.</p>	<p>How will we break a deadlock?</p> <p>Does the chair have the deciding vote?</p> <p>Or should we seek further information from Elders or community members?</p>	