

Resource Solutions

EFFECTIVE MEETING FACILITATION



The facilitator is arguably the most important member of your planning group. This person will assume responsibility for setting the tone, reducing conflicts, and efficiently moving the entire group forward in decision-making.

An Effective Facilitator:

- Creates a safe working environment in which members can contribute their thoughts and ideas.
- Gains group agreement on the decision making process (i.e. consensus, majority vote, unanimity, etc).
- Collaborates in establishing ground rules.
- Works cooperatively in setting meeting agendas.
- Ensures that everyone has the opportunity to be heard.
- Keeps discussions and interactions orderly, on track, and moving forward.
- Listens, observes, and remains neutral.
- Promotes respectful listening and adherence to ground rules.
- Communicates openly and often with core group of sponsor organization.
- Holds participants responsible for completing assignments on time.