

Freeing Stuck Groups

Decisions

PROCESS

- The facilitator asks, “What’s stopping us from making a decision?” or “Who would be willing to meet with ___ and ___ and develop a proposal for the next meeting?” or “Are you willing to give the subcommittee the authority to make that decision?” or “Would it be agreeable to the group if we asked ___ to bring us more information before we proceed?” or “I think this is a decision for ___. Shall we ask her to make it?”

ALTERNATIVES

- Group members can also pose these questions.
- See Naive Questions.
- See Close the Discussion.

TIPS

- Identify, when possible, the time available in the meeting to reach closure.