

Relevancy Check

OUTCOME

Member adjusts behavior to match topic

PROCESS

- A group member says something unrelated to the group's topic.
- The facilitator, with an approachable voice says. "Name, help us understand how your comment relates to the topic being explored?"
- Speakers will either explain the relevance, in which case the conversation proceeds, or takes it off the table.

VARIATIONS

- The facilitator records the item on chart paper announcing the group will return to it at an appropriate time.
- See the strategy Cape elsewhere on this list

TIPS

- A topic delayed must be returned to at some stage. Options include: subgroup after the meeting, added to this or next meeting agenda, or a subgroup drafts a statement about the topic to be talked about at the next meeting