

Coloured Cards To Help Organise and Streamline Discussions

Five Discussion Cards

	Priority Order	Type of Comment	Example of Comment
1	Red	Process issue	I have a process observation e.g.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The discussion is off the topic • An agreement is not being followed
2	Orange	Acknowledgement	I appreciate the contribution you have made to the group / the discussion / the community; I wish to acknowledge someone or something.
3	Yellow	Question	I have a question I need clarification
4	Green	Answer	I can provide clarification by providing information I feel is relevant to the question
5	Blue	Opinion	I have a comment or opinion.

The Use of Coloured Cards for Community Discussion:

Each person including any facilitator taking part in the discussion has a set of the five coloured cards which can be raised at any time during the discussion to indicate a wish to speak.

The facilitator acknowledges the person holding up the card and selects an appropriate time to allow the card holder to speak.

The red card which has the highest priority is a 'stop the process / discussion' card.

People holding up orange, yellow and green cards are asked to speak in that order.

After all the questions have been answered the facilitator asks any participants holding blue cards to make their comment relating to the topic of discussion.

After the discussion is complete, the facilitator checks with the speaker or proposer whether they wish to make any amendments to their proposal in light of the discussion.

References:

Color Cards – Mosaic Commons: www.mosaic-commons.org/colorcards

Earthsong Eco-Neighbourhood Coloured Cards: www.earthsong.org.nz

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