

Checklist – Top Tips: How to Improve Your Decision Making

“Decision is like a sharp knife that cuts straight and clean, indecision is a dull one that hacks and tears and leaves rough edges.” **Graham Gordon**

Here are 8 ways to improve your decision making muscles:

1. **Establish a decision making process.** What types of decisions should be made by one person, and what types of decisions need a group.
2. Identify who else may need to be **involved**.
3. Invite **creative** people to the brainstorm meetings. Read this blog for an excellent process on how to brainstorm: <https://bit.ly/35DQqbL>
4. Create a broad range of **options**. Ask people to ‘Imagine there are no boundaries to what we can do here.’.
5. Analyse the **pros and cons** of each option.
6. Use **synergy** to agree on the right option – listen to everyone, explore every option. Ensure conflict reducing techniques, such as voting to keep the peace, are not used.
7. Develop an **implementation** plan.
8. **Accept that decisions don’t always go well.** Ask ‘What did I/we learn?’, and go back to your decision making process to see if there are gaps.

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