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Consensus Building



Consensus is...

Consensus is finding an **acceptable proposal** that all members can *support*.

Consensus is not...

- A unanimous vote
- A majority vote
- Everyone 100% satisfied

Consensus requires...

- Time
- Active participation by all
- Good listening and communication skills by all
- Open-mindedness
- Creative thinking

How to Build Consensus

STEP 1

1. Brainstorm, using one of the following techniques:

- Free style
- Post-it
- Graffiti

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STEP 2

2. Clarify and rank ideas by:
 - Multi-voting

Don't Forget!

Consensus is finding an **acceptable proposal** that all members can *support*.