**Brainstorming** encourages pupils to think creatively and produce solutions. It may be used as a warm-up activity to relax the group and encourage quieter members to participate.

- Sit small groups in a circle
- Brainstorm the issue/idea in groups
- Encourage participants to come up with as many ideas as possible
- Select the best ideas to be developed

**The process:**

- Write the question on a flip-chart.
- Invite the participants to shout out as many suggestions and ideas as possible.
- Don’t stop or discuss or debate until all the ideas have been gathered.
- At no point make a judgement on any contribution.
- Write all ideas in the words of the participant and accept all contributions.
- When all ideas are gathered ask group members to clarify any contribution that may be unclear.
- Link similar ideas under key headings.

[Link to: Conflict Resolution]