

THE HOT AIR BALLOON

The Hot Air Balloon is a structured way to gather information to help with action planning.

How does it work?

You can use it in a number of ways. However, try thinking about your project as a hot air balloon.

Consider:

1. What are you discussing (the signboard)?

On the signboard, record what issue you would like to discuss.

2. What activities would you like to “take off” (the balloon)?

On the balloon itself, post activities that you would like to see take off, new ideas or issues that you would like to see addressed.

3. Who needs to be on board (the people)?

The people in the basket are those people or organisations that need to get involved, on order for the projects or activities that you have identified to take place.

4. What would you throw out (the ground)?

This is where you can record things that you don't like about the current situation – the things that need to change.

5. What is holding us back (the tethering ropes)?

Next to the tethering ropes write factors which are slowing progress or holding back the development of the activities you have identified.

6. What could blow us off course (the clouds)?

These are the factors that could blow the activities off course once they have been initiated e.g. key people leaving or loss of continued funding.



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