Facilitating a 'solutions engine'

How to apply many minds to create solutions to complicated problems

1 State the problem

Problem statement,* flipped to a 'desired future' statement

Indicators you'll use to check it's real and to measure progress

Baselines, targets

20%
25%
45%

*Don't analyse the problem yet, just describe what's observable.

2 Gather a diverse brains trust

Lay people who care

Experts, professionals

Magic ingredient #1
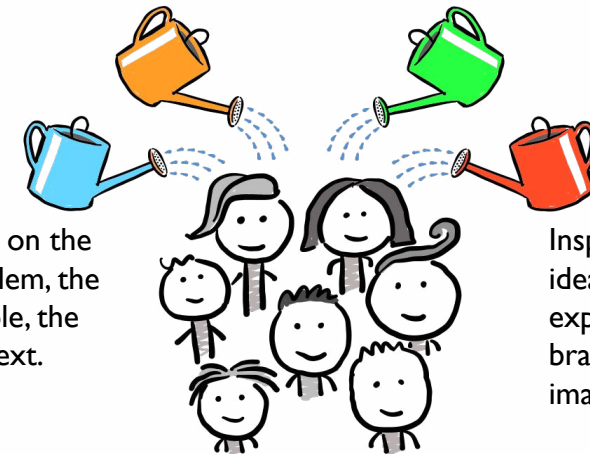
3 Inform and inspire your brains trust

Social research -
• What frustrates the actors?
• What would they welcome?

Magic ingredients #2

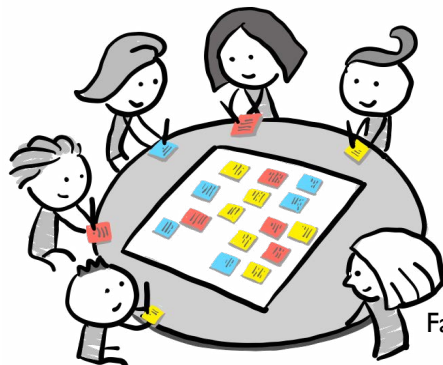What solutions have worked elsewhere?

Data on the problem, the people, the context.

Inspiring ideas that expand your brains trust's imaginations.

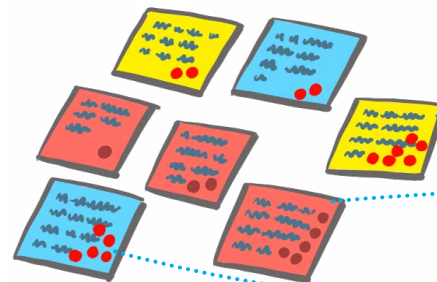## 4 Workshop your brains trust

A good all-purpose question: *"What would make the biggest difference to the desired future (or to the actors acting)?"*
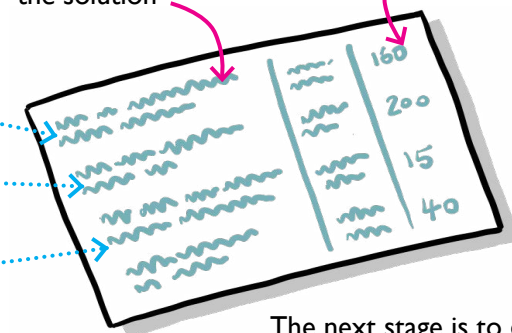
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5 Prioritise the ideas

Top voted ideas become the components of the recommended solution or strategy.

6 Define a solution to test

Components of the solution

Indicators to measure implementation

160
200
15
40

The next stage is to develop and trial your first prototype.

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