

37 QUESTIONS!

To Get Un-Stuck and Liberate Yourself!

What do we say to folks? How do we get them talking? People usually love to talk about themselves or their projects – so ask a question – and here are some ideas to get you started!



Feeling stuck on a goal or issue? Not seeing options or choices? Liberate yourself with the questions below!

<u>What do you (truly) want?</u> Are you clear on the outcomes you're looking for? Before taking action and trying for solutions, we need to understand what we want to achieve...

- 1. Underneath it all, what do you *really* want here?
- 2. What specific results are you looking for? What would be your *ideal* outcome?
- 3. How would you know you're unstuck? What will be different? What *observable* changes would we see?

<u>Identify Options</u>. So now you know what you want, answer these questions

- 4. What specifically have you done so far? What worked and what didn't?
- 5. What do you *have already* (eg. skills and resources) that could move you forwards?
- 6. What research could you do to help you find the first (or next) step?
- 7. What do you need to do before you do anything else?
- 8. Who else could you ask for help in achieving your goal?
- 9. If you were at your best, what would you do right now?
- 10. What would you do if you were an expert in (the area of your goal/problem)?
- 11. What would you advise your *best friend* to do if they were in your situation?
- 12. What would your best friend advise you to do?
- 13. What would (someone who inspires you) do in your situation?
- 14. If you had a choice what would you do?
- 15. What if you had as much time as you needed?
- 16. What if money were not an issue?
- 17. Imagine you're fully confident in your abilities, what could you do?
- 18. Imagine *you're fully confident* that others will support you. Now what could you do?
- 19. What other angles and options have you not thought of yet?
- 20. What is an impossible option?
- 21. What is the decision you have been avoiding?
- 22. If you (secretly) knew the answer to getting unstuck, what would that be?

Take Action. Look at the list of ideas and options you now have

- 23. What would be the smallest or easiest first step for you?
- 24. Which options or actions grab you?
- 25. How could you make the tasks/actions more enjoyable or fun?

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- 26. Who else could help you in completing your action/s?
- 27. What's one action you could take in the next 10 minutes?
- 28. What are three actions you could take that would make sense this week?
- 29. Imagine you've found a magic lamp. You pick it up and absent-mindedly begin to stroke it. What's that? I think it's talking! Now, as you listen, I wonder what action it tells you to take?

Commitment. Do something! Now choose your actions

- 30. So, what will you do? And when *specifically* will you do your action/s? (include the day AND time)
- 31. On a scale of 1 to 10, how likely are you to complete each action?

 If it's below an 8, ask "What's stopping you from completing this action?" And then make this your first action.
- 32. How do you normally sabotage yourself and what will you do differently this time?
- 33. How will I know you've completed your action/s?
- 34. Who will you tell about your actions (to support you in completing them)?
- 35. What specifically will you ask your supporters to do for you?
- 36. Tell me how you'll feel once you have completed your actions?
- 37. How will you reward yourself when you complete your actions?

Yes, there can be an 'art' to asking others a question – and practice is what takes it from initially awkward and uncomfortable – to skill.

The BEST will always be for us to get genuinely curious about what is going on <u>for them</u> – even strangers.

And to be effective, we need to stop for a moment and wonder - what they're thinking, why they're doing what they're doing – and then to ask them (nicely) about it.

The energy behind how we ask them will always shine through – so watch it if you're angry or frustrated, happy or sad, excited or disappointed – because even the 'nicest' words can carry poison or despair and won't get the desired results....which is them talking to us.

Be kind, folks!

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