

## New tactics in human rights

<b>Length</b>		45 minutes
<b>Difficulty</b>		Intermediate to advanced
<b>Group size</b>		Small to medium
<b>Aim</b>	<p>To make participants aware of the wide range of practical strategies that can be used to promote human rights</p> <p>To help participants think outside the box instead of sticking with 'the way we always do things' without reflecting on alternatives.</p> <p>To help participants avoid reinventing the wheel.</p>	
<b>Description</b>	A group work and plenary discussion exercise using short, concrete case study examples of strategies used by organisations that work to promote rights.	
<b>Materials</b>	<p>Space for the different groups to work in.</p> <p>Handouts:</p> <p>One case study per participant from the New Tactics in Human Rights workbook. (Downloadable from the FORB Learning Platform website)</p> <p>Questions for reflection/discussion if not using powerpoint.</p>	
<b>Source</b>	<p>Case studies from The Center for Victims of Torture, New Tactics in Human Rights Project.</p> <p>Exercise developed by SMC</p>	

## Outline

Introduce the exercise	5 min
Individual reading and silent reflection	10 min
Group discussion, sorting exercise	20 min
Group reporting, plenary discussion	20 - 40 min depending on group size

## Instructions

Introduce the topic and aim of the session and distribute the hand-outs giving a different case study to each participant.

### Individual reflection

Divide the participants into groups of 3-4 people. Tell the participants that they each have a different case study and ask them to read their case study and reflect silently on the following questions for 10 minutes. (Put the questions up on powerpoint or give out in a handout.)

- Could the strategy used in this case study be used to promote freedom of religion or belief in my context?
- Could this strategy be used by my organization? In what ways might it need adapting?
- What risks are involved in using this strategy? Can they be mitigated or accepted, or is the strategy too risky for us?

### Group discussion

In their groups ask participants to:

- discuss their reflections, focusing on any strategies they think are useful for their context and organization
- choose the most useful strategy to present to the plenary group and prepare their report to the plenary which should include a very brief description of the, why they think it might be useful, how it could be adapted to their organization/context and their thoughts on any risks involved

### Plenary discussion

Give each group 3-5 minutes to present, followed by a couple of minutes of questions from other participants/the facilitator.

Once all groups have presented facilitate a discussion about what kinds of strategies that are relevant in the context and to the identities of the organisations participants work/volunteer for. Have any of the case studies been inspiring to read? Are there any ideas participants would want to adapt or take on board? Do we have cause to find new strategies and develop new ways of working or are we doing the right things at the moment?