Positions & Interests: Are you having the right conversation?



Positions: What we want Interests: Why we want them

Examples:

Position: I want a dog Interest: I want to feel safe

Position: We need a new computer Interest: I want to use my time creating and not fixing software

Position: We need to cancel the conference

Interest: I need to have a sense of control over my life and my plans

Interest-based negotiation: A strategy that takes the interests of all parties into consideration for a win/win outcome

-the relationship is important
-when you need something from each
other
-you could be wrong in your strategy,
plan
-you have the time
-your results could be better by
engaging in this

Having the Right Conversation...

- Identify all of the interests by exploring with open-ended questions
- 2. ASK: "How can we have ____ and ___?"
 - 3. Begin brainstorming

Open-Ended Questions:

-Why?

- -Can you say more about that?
- -Why is this important to you?
- -How would having X help you?
 - -What would be the perfect solution for you?
- -What's at the heart of the matter for you?

