

RIPPLE EFFECT



THE RIPPLE EFFECT TOOL HELPS YOU IDENTIFY THE KNOCK-ON EFFECTS OF A CHANGE YOU INTEND TO MAKE

How to use the tool:


- 1 Draw a set of concentric circles.
- 2 In the smallest circle write the action you propose to take.
- 3 Now think about the possible impact of that action. Write them on the concentric circles to show the knock-on effect there might be.
- 4 Make sure you've thought about both the positive and negative effects of your action. Take time to consider both the intended and unintended consequences too.
- 5 Discuss what you can do to minimise the likelihood or impact of any negative knock-on effects you've anticipated.
- 6 Using the tool might suggest some new ideas or opportunities too.


“ This was a great way to make us pause and think about the possible unintended consequences of what we planned to do. ”

NXTHINKING

This tool can help you to think about how sets of interacting parts form a complex whole

It also helps you to think about the cause and effect of actions, to reflect on their root causes and to see how one small action can have multiple effects.

 Thinking about Change

 Thinking about Connections

