

# BUILDING ON CONSULTATION

“Take ye counsel together in all matters, inasmuch as consultation is the lamp of guidance which leadeth the way, and is the bestower of understanding.” —Bahá’u’lláh

How cool is it to build your own robot? If you and your friends love designing, engineering, and programming, it can be awesome to team up. You can even enter competitions. Everyone’s imagination and experience add excitement to the project.

But making decisions can be tough when groups don’t agree. Sometimes the conversation leads to arguing, put-downs, and hurt feelings. How can we be creative, with

different ideas and opinions, and still get along?

A powerful tool for team discussions is consultation. Share ideas in a peaceful, positive way. Take turns expressing your thoughts carefully and calmly. Be respectful and listen to each person patiently. It’s good to have diverse ways of doing things. Winning teams work together to build something unique—like robots *and* friendships.

The kids at Robo-Camp are using the consultation tips on the board. Read the tips, then search the lab to find the words that fit in the blanks. Try out the tips for your next group project.

1. Treat everyone with \_\_\_\_\_, even when you disagree.
2. Take time to gather all the \_\_\_\_\_ before making a decision.
3. Focus on the goals of the \_\_\_\_\_, not just what you want to do.
4. Everyone’s \_\_\_\_\_ are important.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ with patience and an open mind.
6. Share your ideas politely and with \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Encourage everyone to \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Ask \_\_\_\_\_ kindly when you don’t understand.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ with the group’s decisions.

