



Have a client stuck on a goal or issue, not seeing their options or choices? Liberate them with the questions below!

What do you want? Are your clients clear on the outcomes they're looking for?

Before going for solutions, understand the problem! How will you know you're unstuck? What would be different? What do you really want? What specific results are you looking for? What would be your ideal outcome?

Identifying Options - So now you know what you want, answer these questions:

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

Taking Action - Look at the list of ideas and options you now have:

- What would be the *smallest* or *easiest first step* for you?
- Which options or actions *grab you*?
- How could you make the tasks/actions *more enjoyable* or fun?
- *Who else* could help you in completing your action/s?
- What's one action you could take in the *next 10 minutes*?
- What are *three actions* you could take that would make sense *this week*?
- Let's imagine you have 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:

- When *specifically* will you do what your committing to do? Include the day AND time.
- On a scale of 1 to 10, how likely are you to complete each action?
- If it's below an 8, then ask "What is stopping you from completing this action?" And make this their first action.
- How do you normally sabotage yourself - and what will you *do differently* this time?
- How will *I know* you've completed your action/s?
- Who will you tell about your actions (to support you in completing them)?
- What *specifically* will you ask your supporters to do for you?
- Tell me how you'll *feel* once you have completed your actions?
- How will you *reward yourself* when you complete your actions?