Preparation

The 5 question approach to preparing a presentation

WHO	Are my audience?
	What do they want to know?
	How much do they know about the subject?
	Interrogate them: style, age, gender, profession
WHY	Am I presenting?
	Define the objective in one line – is it to influence, persuade, sell to them? Avoid the 'shop window' syndrome and leave them in no doubt whatsoever
WHAT	Am I going to say?
	Jot down all your ideas, not worrying about ordering or editing them at this stage
	Come up with something original
	Remember, satisfied needs don't motivate – pull a rabbit out of the hat
WHERE	Am I presenting?
	Look at your venue and decide how best to stage your presentation
	Take control of the space and decide where you'll place yourself, your visuals and your audience
	Think about the room temperature, position of the windows in relation to the screen, sit in all the seats to ensure all the audience can see
HOW	Will I present it?
	Decide on the style of your presentation
	What style will best suit your audience, your objective, your content and
	the venue?
	Should it be all singing, dancing or relaxed?
	How will you pace it?
	What visuals will add most impact?
	How do you want them to remember you?