

Stereotypes, Prejudice & Discrimination

Intro activity

source: liaisons



30 minutes



2-10 people

Topic

To make participants work together in order to find a solution for a problem. To raise the level of energy and create the space for bonding in the group.

Objectives

- Underline the differences between prejudices, stereotypes and discriminations.
- Encourage discussion and debate around these concepts.

Material

- Three boxes, labelled as the concepts 'stereotypes' 'prejudices' and 'discrimination', and a fourth box, to contain 18 balls (or somewhere to put the phrases) to be sorted.
- Six balls, each containing sentences relating to prejudice; six balls to relate to stereotypes and six to discrimination.
- Table and chairs.

Steps

- 1.Prepare the phrases to put in the balls.
- 2.Arrange the 3 boxes (stereotypes, prejudices and discriminations).
- 3.Place the box containing all of the balls with the sentences to be classified in front of the 3 'concept' boxes.
- 4.Ask participants to stand in a semicircle in front of you.
- 5.The participants will each draw a ball and read the sentence aloud.
- 6.Then, ask participants to sort the sentence by placing it into the box that most closely relates to its meaning.
- 7.If a participant struggles to place the ball into a box, suggest that they ask for help from other participants.

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INCLUSION

Sample sentences

Stereotypes:

- Men are more adventurous than women.
- Women are more sensitive than men.
- Homosexuals are effeminate.
- Women do not know how to drive.
- Muslims are terrorists.
- Poor people are lazy.

Prejudices:

- Adults are superior to children.
- Rich people are superior to poor people.
- Men are superior to women.
- Someone tall is stronger than someone small.
- Young people are delinquents.
- Young people are drug addicts.

Discriminations:

- A woman is refused an interview because of her last name.
- A woman is refused an interview because she wears a headscarf.
- A man refuses to sit next to a woman because of her skin colour.
- An employee (of foreign origin) is wrongly accused of theft in the company where he works.
- A landlord prohibits a pregnant woman from renting a home.
- A child with a disability is not allowed to attend a mainstream school.
- During the employment process, priority is given to people with disabilities (positive discrimination).