

Workshop



HOW CAN I UNDERSTAND THE OTHER CULTURES

Target group	youngsters and young adults who do not necessarily have the same mothertongue
Group size	4-10
How much time?	45 min. -1 hour

preparation

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Which material?	Play cards

objectives

to get to know how to understand each other using only nonverbal communication

how to do it



All participants are divided in two groups. Each of them will get cards and a list of rules for the game (these rules are different for the both). The participants can't speak with each other. It means, the communication will go on nonverbally. There is also one observer who will take notes about atmosphere and cooperation.

For the second round all participants will be mixed. Since the players know different rules it leads to misunderstanding. They must achieve a consensus by nonverbal communication

Rules 1:

Everybody gets 7 cards. One puts one card on the table. The following player must lay either the same card or the same suit on the card. Hearts are the trump: you can choose with it every suit which you want. If anybody has nothing to put on, they can take three cards from the pack of cards. The one, who doesn't have any cards more, wins.

Suits: hearts, clubs, diamonds, spades.

Rules 2:

Everybody gets 7 cards. One puts one card on the table. The following player must lay the same number or cards with higher value. Clubs are trump. It can be put every time and every

other favoured card can be put on it. If anybody has nothing to put, they can take one card from the pack of cards. The one, who doesn't have any cards more, wins.

Afterwards – reflection and discussion about experience. The observer starts a discussion.

1. How did you feel during the first round?
2. How did you feel during the second round?
3. Did you try to show the others how one should play? How did you do it?
4. What did you think when one of your partners violated the rules?
5. How was the atmosphere during the game?
6. Did the players cooperate?

important to know

further information