

Pipe-Find

Materials Needed: pipe and 10 blindfolds

Focus Area

- Communication
- Trust

Time Needed: 20-30 minutes or until the goal is completed

Group Size: 10-40 people

Directions

- I need 10 volunteers to be blindfolded
- I will give you a number 1-10 and place you in part of the room
- All those not blindfolded will stand sporadically around the room.
- Your goal is to get all blindfolded people to line up on the pole #1-10.
- Rules:
 - NO ONE CAN SPEAK: no verbal communication of any kind!
 - The non-blindfolded people cannot move, they can only move to make sure that the blindfolded people do not hit the wall or bump into furniture.
 - They can only redirect a blindfolded person should they bump into each other, they should use their hands, touching their shoulders only.
- Other Rules: (not verbalized): The facilitators go around the room, randomly re-directing people with a different kind of touch, on the back.

Debriefing Questions

1. What did you learn about communication?
 - a. What kinds did you use?
2. Was there someone who took the lead?
 - a. How?
3. Was it hard to be blindfolded? Non-Blindfolded? Why?
4. Part of this exercise is about making sense of chaos: What do you think that means? How does it apply?
5. How can we see this apply to leadership? Communication?
6. What would have made this easier, besides the obvious?

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