

In all Fairness



AIM | To compare the impact of fair and unfair rules on people.

Time | 20 Minutes

Material | Copy of the tasks, pens and paper if needed

What to do

Form three teams. Tell the teams that they are going to be given a task to complete. Before they receive their task, they must create two rules which the other teams will follow. One rule must be fair and the other unfair. When this is done give each team a different task and tell them not to share their task with the others.

Each team now reads out their unfair rule to the other teams who must obey them. Begin the tasks. After 3 minutes stop the teams, tell them the unfair rules no longer apply and ask them to share the fair rules with the other groups. Continue the task for another few minutes or until the groups finish.

Debrief

What effect did the rules have? How did people feel about the unfair rules? What about the fair rules? Does this happen in real life? Can you give any examples around the world of sets of rules that are fair or unfair? Who makes the rules?

Examples of Unfair Rules

- Keep your eyes closed/wear blindfolds
- You can't use your hands
- Every second word you say has to be banana
- Hop on one leg
- Do everything while sitting on the ground

Examples of Fair Rules

- One of your team can sit out of the activity
- You can have double the time allowed
- If you finish last, you are the winner
- You only have to do half of your activity

Possible Tasks

- Line up according to how far away peoples shoes or t-shirts were made, with Ireland at one end
- Build a human pyramid
- Write the word Justice using your bodies as to make the letters
- Transfer a ball from one end of the room to the other using only your head and neck, each person must touch the ball.
- Draw a body map [the outline of one of the team] and write in all the names of the bigger group



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