

# **GROUP MODERATION**

## **Group Dividers**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Sharing sessions, activities and projects are usually conducted in small groups. While forming the small groups, "cliques" should be avoided.

In order to be impartial and not to hurt the feelings of the participants, the best method is to form groups by luck.

You will find below here 13 different methods to form smaller groups out of a larger audience.

### **1. RANDOM COUNTING**

Make the participants count from 1 to 3 or 4 or 5, etc. according to number of groups you require. All, those who counted 1, will form group 1 and so forth.

### **2. LIMERICKS:**

Songs, Verses... Keep one set of limerick slips for each five participants. Write on each slip only one line of the limerick or the song.

Distribute the slips at random,

Let each one find the other four partners so as to complete "the limerick".

The task each group has to do once they have met, may be written on the back of the slips.

### **3. CATEGORIES OF THINGS**

Choose as many sets of things as groups you would like to form: e.g. Flowers, fruits, animals, rivers, foot-ball players, and cinema-stars, etc.

Write on single slips of paper, as many names belonging to each set – if animals : for instance, dog, cat, lion. etc - as members each sub-group you want to have. Participants will go round and meet the members of their group

#### **4. CHOOSING THE PERSONS LESS KNOWN.**

The moderator will choose from among the participants as many leaders as groups he wants to form.

Leaders in turn, will call from the whole group the person he is less acquainted with. Next, the leader and his first partner will decide who is the person less known to both of them, and call him or her...

Then the teams of three will call the person less known to them.

And so on and so forth, till all are called.

#### **5. ALPHABETICAL ORDER**

Prepare a list of the names of the participants in alphabetical order.

Make smaller groups alphabetically, six first, six next...

#### **6. BIRTHDAY SEQUENCE**

The participants will come to the board and write their names and the date of their birthdays.

Then, make the groups according to birthday sequence.

#### **7. PICK ITEMS OF DIFFERENT COLOURS**

Keep in a box papers, or strings of as many colors as the groups you would like to have.

Each one comes and blindly takes from the box one item. All those who get the same color come will form a group.

#### **8. FIND YOUR KINDRED**

Keep in a box sets of chits on which you wrote:

- a) Similar sounding words.
- b) Names of animals.
- c) Names of favorite leaders.
- d) Etc.....

The participants after having drawn the chits, go round the room, finding their kindred by making the noise of the animals mentioned in the chit, or calling the name of their leaders, etc.....

The group that assembles first wins.

#### **9. INFORMATION QUIZ**

Some questions are typed on slips, and the corresponding answers in other slips.

The slips are handed to the participants at random.

The questions and answers may refer to different subjects; e.g. Geography, History, Geometry Math's, etc.

Participants are asked to find the partner who has the answer to their questions.

Once a participant has found his partner, both will stand in one of the corners of the

room where a poster with the name of their subjects has been put up: e.g. Geography, History, Literature, etc

### **10. PASSING ON ARTICLES**

All sit in a circle. Music is played.

As many articles as the number of sub-groups you would like to have are passed on: e.g. a book, a coconut, a stone, a pencil.

Every time the music stops, all those holding the articles are out.

The groups will automatically form, article-wise; for example the coconut from the coconut group, the pencil group, etc....

### **11. FINDING YOUR SONG MEMBERS**

choose as many songs as the number of groups wanted.

Write the title of each song in as many pieces of paper as members you want to have in each group.

Distribute the small papers at random,

Everybody will keep singing his song till groups are formed.

### **12. JIGSAW PUZZLE GROUP**

Take as many photos or pictures as the groups you want.

Cut each picture into as many pieces as the members you want to have in each group.

Distribute the pieces at random.

Tell them to reconstruct the photos.

When they reconstruct the pictures, automatically you will have the groups picturewise.

### **13. SERENDIPITY BINGO**

Make a list of many "LIKES AND DISLIKES" as groups you want. e.g. "I like cats". "I do not like dogs" Etc..

Write as many copies of each like or dislike as members you want in each group.

Distribute the slips at random.

Each one will find his group by asking others the question that is on his slip: "Do you like dogs?" "Do you dislike cats?" .Etc.

Those with the same likes or dislikes will form a group. ...