

'Unequal Opps' Game

Instructions

Place a large bowl of coloured sweets in the middle of the room.

Sit the group around them in a large circle.

Give each group member a piece of A4 size paper.

Give each group member a character card in a sealed envelope.

Tell the group you are going to ask them to open their envelope in a moment and you will read a number of statements.

If the character on your card can answer yes to the statement immediately then they can take a sweet and put them on the sheet of A4 paper in front of them, they are not to eat them yet!

Tell the group to open their envelopes, keep the character to themselves.

Listen to the statements and if you answer yes immediately without hesitation then take a sweet.

At the game end ask each person to count up their sweets.

Then deconstruct the exercise, which should show that those most accepted in society have most sweets and those discriminated against have the least.

Male
23 yrs old
White
Able-bodied
Upper class
Heterosexual

Male
21 years old
White British
Deaf
Middle Class
Heterosexual

Male
19 yrs old
Asian
Able-bodied
Middle class
Heterosexual

Female
18 yrs old
Iraqi Asylum Seeker
Able-bodied
Working class
Heterosexual

Female
17 years old
White British
Dyslexic
Lesbian
Upper class

Female
17 yrs old
Black Caribbean
Able bodied
Working class
Bisexual

Male
16 yrs old
Mixed race
Learning difficulties
Working class
Gay

Male
White Irish
24 years old
Able-bodied
Working class
Gay

Female
17 yrs old
Asian
Wheelchair user
Middle class
Heterosexual

'Unequal Ops' Game – Questions

Can you.....

1. Drive a car legally?
2. Purchase a house?
3. Compete in the London Marathon?
4. Open a bank account?
5. Join a pension scheme?
6. Watch an 18's film?
7. Drink alcohol in a pub?
8. Vote in an election?
9. Get married?
10. Give blood?
11. Set up life insurance?
12. Become a head teacher in a private school in 30 years' time?
13. Buy a lottery ticket?
14. Have a baby?
15. Legally earn more than £30,000 a year?
16. Have a tattoo?
17. Be a contestant on Cilla's 'Blind Date'?
18. Plan 20 years ahead?
19. Go rock climbing at a centre?
20. Tell people you know about someone you fancy?
21. Join the 'Masons'?
22. Easily use public transport?
23. Become a politician?
24. Afford to go to university?
25. Serve in the armed forces?
26. Adopt a child?
27. Go on holiday to Hawaii?
28. Play football in the Champions' league?
29. Go to a night club?
30. Have sex legally with the partner of your choice?
31. Go skiing?
32. Go to Oxford or Cambridge University?
33. Work in a nursery?
34. Sit in the park holding hands with a partner?
35. Go on an outdoor pursuits residential?

Notes.

- Who got more than 18?
- 12 and up?
- Less than 8?
- How did this make you feel?
- What does this show/tell us?
- Which questions included the majority/ minority?
- Was it easy/difficult to be that character?