

Let Go Legos

Introduction: This activity works well for a group where members have hidden agendas or may be throwing up roadblocks to group success and dynamics.

Materials: A good-sized set of legos

Directions:

1. Spread the legos out on a table and have the students gather around the table.
2. The only group instruction to the students is that they are to work together to construct a wall which is 8" long and 6" high.
3. Each student is given a strip of paper with an individual instruction. The instructions are designed to counteract the instructions given to the other students. In other words, there is no way that all of the instructions can be fulfilled.
4. They will flounder around for a while, building things up and tearing others' blocks down. Soon they will be extremely frustrated.

Debrief:

- Were you successful in building the wall? Why or why not?
- How did you feel when someone else's instruction was opposite from your own?
- How does this relate to your life?
- When a team is filled with members that only have a single objective and are not willing to compromise, how can things get done?

Instructions to put on the slips:

1. Ensure that there is at least one row with no yellow blocks.
2. Ensure that no row contains more than three different colored blocks.
3. Ensure that there are three red bricks on each row.
4. Ensure that a blue brick touches a yellow brick on each row.
5. Ensure that every row contains at least one double-block brick
6. Ensure that one row contains only single blocks (no doubles or triples).
7. Ensure that every row contains two yellow bricks.
8. Ensure that at least two rows have no yellow bricks.
9. Ensure that no red brick touches a yellow one.
10. Ensure that there is a vertical line of touching white bricks, one block wide from top to bottom.