

New Planet

Activities for Collaborative Thinking

ICEBREAKERS AND TEAM BUILDERS TO BUILD COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVES

- To make quick decisions
- To notice what shifts when we make group decisions vs. individual decisions

MATERIALS


- Download the following from [BUILDINGINTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES.COM](http://BUILDINGINTENTIONALCOMMUNITIES.COM) and make one copy per participant:
 - [NEW PLANET WORKSHEET](#)
 - [NEW PLANET LOG](#)

SETUP

- None

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Explain** that each person will receive **a list of thirty people**. Explain that, **due to air pollution, the earth's ozone layer is too thin for survival. In a few days, Earth will be too hot for people to survive. NASA is going to send a rocket of people to a new planet so humans will not become extinct. However, only ten of the thirty people on the list can go to the new planet.**
2. **Explain** that each person has five minutes to **independently decide who will go**.
3. **Distribute** a copy of the **NEW PLANET WORKSHEET** to each person.
4. Divide participants into **groups of three to four**.
5. **Give** each group a **NEW PLANET LOG** and explain that they must now, as a group, **create a final list of people to send** to the new planet.
6. Ask each group to **think through their rationale** so that they can explain why they chose to prioritize these ten people.
7. Have each group **share** out their list of ten people and **explain** why they made their choices.

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8. After hearing from all groups, **challenge** groups on some of the different choices the groups made and **encourage a healthy debate** of their rationales.

DEBRIEF

- **What criteria did you use to make your decisions individually?**
- **How did your group make its decisions?**
- **What were some challenges?**
- **How did you handle conflict?**
- **What values influenced your decisions? Where did we get these values?**
- **What can happen when people with different values get together?**