

Crossing the Line Activity

Explanation: This is an activity meant to show the general background of our group in response to racial, social, sexual, and cultural differences in our society. Each member is to respond to the questions below using a standard pencil or ink color.

In order to maintain confidentiality, we will collect them and then randomly hand the papers back. Thus, allowing each person to get someone else's paper. Once the papers have been passed out, each statement will be read aloud by the facilitator. Each group member will be asked to stand if that statement on the paper they are holding has been marked "YES".

Instructions: -Respond to the following statements by writing Y for "yes" or N for "no".

I...

- played sports in high school
- have traveled to a country that speaks a language other than English
- got picked on in school
- am the first person in my family to go to college
- was a leader in high school
- got suspended from school
- was rejected from a college I wanted to attend
- have grandparents that were born outside of the United States
- have/had an eating disorder/problem
- have a learning challenge
- have a step parent
- take medication on a daily basis for health reasons
- have broken someone's heart
- have caught myself judging someone before I even met them
- have dated someone outside of my race
- have raised-grown-killed food for my consumption
- has a friend or family member who has been sexually assaulted or raped
- have experienced privileges that people of other races don't
- have been followed around a store when I shopped
- have been the target of a racist comment
- abandoned my faith at some point in my life
- know the meaning of an upside down pink triangle
- have had someone close to me die
- love someone who has been or is in jail
- have danced/entered a gay bar
- have been asked to answer for my entire race; as if I was the "expert"
- have a friend or family member, or I have thought about or attempted suicide
- have someone that I love effected by alcoholism
- am close to someone who is homosexual
- have a friend for family member, or I was abused as a child
- feel comfortable walking down the street holding hands with my partner
- have been on welfare or social services
- depend on financial aid to attend college