



## Puzzle Squares

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### **Type of tool:**

Activity

### **Duration:**

30-60 min

### **Topics addressed:**

Leadership

### **Aim:**

- explore issues of leadership and flow of information.
- learn about team work in the context of a big picture in a kinesthetic manner.

### **Methodology:**

Divide participants into groups (6-10 people). Explain that participants are going to be challenged to make a square with a rope.

### **Step by step process:**

- The group should form the rope into a square (4 equal sides at 90 degree angles) within the time limit specified (10 minutes is generally enough time for a good challenge);
  - Everyone in the group must have their eyes shut throughout the entire exercise; this will increase the challenge even I faced some people who didn't like that.
  - People can only touch the rope with their hands - once they touch the rope they cannot let go (though they can slide along the rope)! EXCEPT, the group can choose one person who - while still with eyes closed or covered - can let go of the rope and move around freely.
- Ask for any questions for clarifications (do this before putting on the bandanas - it reduces anxiety!). Then ask everyone to get in a circle with their group to begin with and put on a bandana. Make sure they cannot see. Then put the rope in front of them on the ground (not in people's hands). "And go

### **Materials and resources:**

- Medium-length pieces of rope (4 to 8 meters)
- bandanas (pieces of cloth) to put over people's eyes.

### **Rating:**

Average: 3.6 (5 votes)

## Documents/handouts:

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