

Pigeonhole¹

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Diversity competencies to develop	Ambiguity tolerance
Significance of the exercise	This exercise is about recognizing one's own attributions and experiencing what it is like to receive attributions in a team or group setting.
Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To recognize own attributions and labels How to deal with received attributions
Time needed	10 - 20 minutes
Participants	12~ people
Spatial requirements	Sufficiently large room
Preparation, tools	Selecting the groups relevant in this course (seminar, tutorial, etc.).
Special notes	Selection criteria are to be mentioned, each of which concerns 2 groupings of the course
Exercise description	<p><i>Step 1:</i> The students stand in the room. A selection criterion is given. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smokers / Non-smokers Vegetarians / non-vegetarians From the city / From the country Athletes / non-athletes Package travelers / Individual travelers Car drivers / Train riders ... <p><i>Step 2:</i> Students divide into 2 groups according to their choice of difference.</p> <p><i>Step 3:</i> One of these groups spontaneously begins to name everything that comes to mind about the other group. If there are no more ideas, the roles are switched.</p>
Evaluation questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did I feel about labeling others? How did I feel about receiving attributions? Which ones affected me, which ones could I accept well? What was it like to be on a side alone or with others? What attributions are we making throughout the group? What is the significance of these attributions in the course and how do I / we deal with them?
Variant	The students choose the groupings themselves.

¹ From: Lüthi/ Oberpriller/ Loose/ Orths: *Teamentwicklung mit Diversity Management. Methoden-Übungen und Tools*, Bern 2013, p. 151.