Can I Join You? – Action Cards (Group)

ACTION

Each group of participants should be lettered (i.e. Group A, Group B, Group C). Copy/print out these instructions and separate them along the dotted lines with scissors or guillotine. Distribute ONE to each group in accordance with their letter.

GROUP A
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, you are to speak in a different language so that the other person can’t understand you. You can make up your special language maybe using grunts and squeaks. If the person speaks to you, reply in your special language and show you cannot understand him/her. Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour & reactions.

GROUP B
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, act indifferent and disinterested as if they have nothing useful to say or contribute to your group. If they try to engage you in conversation respond with a total lack of interest (look away, yawn, etc.) Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour and reactions.

GROUP C
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, act genuinely welcoming, friendly and inviting (but not gushing and false). You are truly interested in this person and think they are someone you’d really like to include them in your group. Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour and reactions.

GROUP D
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, act like the person is very important and of high status. You might not particularly like them, but want to make a good impression so suck up to them. If they ask about you, say: ‘No, no, I’m boring. Tell me more about you!’ Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour and reactions.

GROUP E
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, make sure you seem to all be enjoying a conversation. When the other person arrives, stop talking. Don’t engage them in conversation and don’t resume your own talking, giving the strongest hint that you want them to go. Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour and reactions.

GROUP F
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, your job is to treat them as someone that you don’t know well. You’ve heard some positive and some not-so-good things about them. You want to suss them out and make up your own mind if they are the kind of person you want joining. Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour and reactions.

GROUP G
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, you are to be falsely friendly with the intention that you want them to go away ASAP. Smile politely at everything they say, and laugh affectedly if they try to be funny. But do not encourage them to stick around. Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour and reactions.

GROUP H
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, you are to act really put out. It is as if their appearance has really ruined your day, even though you’re not prepared to say this in so many words. Keep responses polite, but short and sharp. Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour and reactions.

GROUP I
When the other member of your group tries to rejoin you, you are to act as if you haven’t seen them in ages but are genuinely delighted to see them. You’ve been thinking about them in their absence and are truly glad they’re well. Tell them it is so good to see them! Take notice of the group interaction: your own and others’ behaviour and reactions.