SKILL – Role Reversal Simulation



1) DESCRIPTION OF THE TOOL

Role Reversal Simulation helps in understanding different perspectives within a conflict by allowing individuals to assume the roles of their counterparts. This method enhances empathy and can lead to more effective conflict resolution.

Time: 30 minutes

2) OBJECTIVES OF THE TOOL

- To foster empathy by experiencing the conflict from the other person's perspective.
- To develop better understanding and communication.
- To encourage collaborative problem-solving approaches.
- To reduce personal bias and preconceptions.

3) CONNECTION OF THE TOOL WITH THE SKILL

This tool applies directly to the skills needed for effective conflict resolution, as it encourages understanding and communication, key components of the conflict-solving skillset described in the "Conflict Solving" section.

4) RESOURCE MATERIALS

- Role cards describing each participant's position and viewpoints.
- Scenario descriptions detailing the conflict situation.
- Feedback forms for post-simulation reflection.

5) HOW TO APPLY THE TOOL

- Step 1: Participants are briefed on the conflict scenario and assigned roles that are opposite their actual positions or arguments in the conflict.
- Step 2: Participants engage in a structured dialogue, advocating for the position described on their role cards.
- Step 3: Participants discuss the feelings and challenges experienced during the role reversal.
- Step 4: Group debrief where participants reflect on what they learned about the opposing viewpoints and how this might affect their approach to the conflict in reality.



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6) WHAT TO LEARN

Participants will learn to appreciate the complexities and emotions involved in opposing viewpoints, which can lead to more effective and empathetic conflict resolution strategies.

