

The Money Game

What does money really represent?



There are people who have money and people who are rich (Coco Chanel)

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Challenge

What does money really represent? We have a lot of feelings about how much money we have and don't have; how much money other people have and don't have; how money is distributed in the world and about the 1% who own 99% of the world's assets. But what does money really mean? How does it relate to feeling valued or having true wealth? Is there a playful way that we can explore our attitudes to money and what it really valuable?

Solution

Play the money game! Rules as follows:

1. Each participant is asked to bring a sum of money that it would be an 'edge' for them to lose
2. Each participant reflects on what money means to them
3. Sitting in a circle, each person puts their money in front of them on, visible for all to see
There are then three rounds (7-15 minutes each, usually around 10 minutes / round)
4. First round – in silence. Each person takes money as they need. There is no order of play - people simply take as they feel moved to.
5. Second Round – also in silence. Each person gives to others as they want to.
6. Third Round – speaking. Participants negotiate their give and take.
7. Participants reflect on their experience in between rounds and at the end.

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