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Instructions for Intervention in Public Space

How to Organize the Authority Workshop Elizabeth Sims

Originally designed for educators, The Authority Workshop prompts participants to analyze the function of authority in their lives. Participants identify the types of authority present in their everyday interactions, and evaluate the effects of these types. They are then guided in establishing personal objectives with regard to the deployment of effective and just authority, and developing concrete steps towards encouraging intimacy, trust, and productivity in their relationships. The Authority Workshop has been held at schools, educational conferences, and in galleries.

1. Assemble a group of people with common concerns with regard to authority. Educators, parents, and employers or managers can especially benefit from the Authority Workshop.
2. Gather in a quiet, private space that provides comfortable, circular seating and writing surfaces. Snacks and beverages are a good idea.
3. Provide each participant with a pencil and an Authority Workshop Workbook, available for free at <http://www.elizabethsimspjcts.com/projects2.html>.
4. Designate a time limit for the Workshop, and budget time for each section of the workbook.
5. Designate a moderator. The moderator will manage the Workshop's pace, call on participants to share, and monitor the group to ensure that participants are able to share equally, respectfully, and appropriately.
6. Commence the Workshop!
7. Upon completion, apply the content of the workshop in concrete measures to daily life. Perpetuate discourse, feedback and support among the Workshop participants.
8. Freely reproduce and distribute the Authority Workshop, altering or amending it as needed.