

AGREE / DISAGREE

This activity explores participants' opinions and attitudes towards gambling and gambling harms by positioning themselves across the room, encouraging discussions around common beliefs, behaviours and misconceptions.*



TIME:
15-20min



MATERIALS TO PRINT:
Statements (examples on following page)

METHOD

1

Put the Agree/Disagree signs on opposite walls in the room.

2

Read the first statement, and ask participants to move towards the sign that represents their opinion, or alternatively to stay in between the two if they are unsure.

3

Ask some of the participants to explain the reasons why they agree or disagree with each statement, facilitating a discussion between the two sides. If appropriate (e.g. when all participants appear to be of the same opinion) challenge them by being 'the devil's advocate' and supporting them in thinking outside the box and in other people's shoes.

4

Repeat with another statement.

Alternative options:

You could make this more fun by gluing the statements around an inflatable ball and asking the group to pass it around.

Before starting the game, you could also split the group into teams and ask them to generate statements they would like to explore.

AGREE / DISAGREE GAME:

EXAMPLE STATEMENTS

Please create your own statements, based on the characteristics of the group and on the specific focus you may wish to have in this activity. **Examples could be:**

“GAMBLING IS A KIND OF ENTERTAINMENT”

“YOU RISK LOSING MORE MONEY WHEN YOU GAMBLE ONLINE”

“PEOPLE HAVE TO GAMBLE FOR YEARS TO GET ADDICTED”

“BUYING LOOT BOXES IN VIDEO GAMES IS A FORM OF GAMBLING”

“SOME FORMS OF GAMBLING ARE MORE ADDICTIVE THAN OTHERS.”

“ONLY PEOPLE WHO ARE ADDICTED TO GAMBLING EXPERIENCE ANY FORMS OF HARM”

“GAMBLING IS A QUICK WAY OF MAKING LOTS OF MONEY IF YOU KNOW WHAT YOU’RE DOING”

“GAMBLING IS A GOOD DISTRACTION FROM OTHER PROBLEMS YOU MIGHT HAVE”

“TRYING TO WIN BACK MONEY AFTER LOSING TOO MUCH IS A SIGN OF A GAMBLING ADDICTION”

“THE WORST THAT COULD HAPPEN IS THAT I LOSE SOME MONEY”

“MY GAMBLING ONLY AFFECTS ME”

“TEENAGERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED INTO THE BOOKIES TO BET”

“YOU ARE MORE LIKELY TO WIN THE LOTTERY BY THINKING POSITIVELY”

“BUYING A LOOT BOX IS NO DIFFERENT FROM BUYING A KINDER EGG”

“YOU HAVE TO LOSE A LOT OF MONEY TO EXPERIENCE HARM FROM YOUR GAMBLING”

“IT IS EASY TO COLLECT YOUR WINNINGS FROM GAMBLING APPS AND WEBSITES”

“IF I BUY A LOTTERY TICKET, THE BEST PLACE TO BUY IT IS A PLACE THAT HAS SOLD FEW PREVIOUS WINNING TICKETS”

“PEOPLE WHO WIN THE LOTTERY ARE HAPPY FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES”

“BUYING CRYPTOCURRENCY IS A FORM OF GAMBLING”

“GAMBLING ON FREE SITES OR APPS IS HARMLESS BECAUSE NO MONEY IS USED”