

Handouts

Rules of Play

1. The aim of the exercise is for each "actor" to get their demands accepted by each of the other "actors".
2. The negotiations are made between pairs of "actors" in three rounds as follows:
 - Round 1: citizens and NGOs negotiate, and the media and the government negotiate.
 - Round 2: citizens and the media negotiate, and NGOs and the government negotiate.
 - Round 3: citizens and the government negotiate, and the media and NGOs negotiate.
3. In each round, the pairs themselves decide who is to start and they take it in turns to make demands of each other.
4. When making a demand, people should state the demand clearly and concisely. They should also explain what it involves and why they are making this particular demand, that is, why it is important to enable them to fulfil their own functions.
5. When deciding whether or not to accept a demand, people should decide whether what is being asked is fair, and whether they would be able to carry it out.
6. If the demand is accepted, then the pairs use one of the "demander's" strands of yarn and tape it between the two "record sheets" to signify the agreement that has been made. The accepting group should make a brief note on their "record sheet" in a blue pen to remind them of their responsibilities and what they agreed to do.
7. If the second group rejects the demand, the piece of wool is put aside.
8. Repeat the negotiations, until all demands have been discussed.
9. In each round the process is repeated until there are connections between all four "actors".
10. At the end of the process there will be a map to represent the relationships between the different actors in a democracy. Each of the actors will have a "record sheet" with a list of their functions in red pen, a list of demands of the other "actors" in green and a list of actions they have agreed to take in order to meet the demands of the other "actors" written in blue. The demands and actions are represented by coloured yarn.

