

Game of Life

Instruction and important points

HOMO'POLY

UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE
OF DIVERSITY, ESPECIALLY HOMOSEXUALITY



„Game of Life“ is about adopting the perspective of a homosexual person growing up.

Together, in a group of 3 to 5 people you go through the childhood and early adolescence (green fields), the late adolescence (yellow fields), and the early adulthood (orange fields) of a male homosexual person, who is about 9 years old when the game starts.

You start the game with 15 “Game of Life”- Points: 

A  shows that you have taken a decision which makes you feel good or which proves that you were true to yourself. The more  you earn throughout the game, the better you have paid attention to your own needs.

How to play the game

1. Put the token  on field

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2. Put the stack of action cards (in numerical order, front side with text up) in front of you. You are not supposed to see the  yet.
3. One member of your group takes the action card belonging to the field you're on and reads aloud the description of the situation and the possible options without looking at the back side or showing it to the other group members.
4. Discuss the possible options and decide on one of them.
5. Now turn the action card around and have a look at how many  you win or lose. (If at some point you've got no  left, you can't lose any more of them, but can still collect new ones).
6. Now move on to the next field. After you've passed the last field with an action card, count the total of  you have collected.



Important points

The exemplified situations are fictitious descriptions, which are not to be generalized and which are not necessarily transferrable to any other person's life. In part, they are exaggerated on purpose in order to better emphasize the conflict.

The number of  that can be won or lost in each situation is a subjective indication, which can be discussed in your group.

Reading the situations carefully to get all the details is essential.

You're playing together as a team, not against each other.