



# **Roleplay Kingdom**



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Class size: 5 students in every group; Maximum 30 participants

Age: 15+

Activity duration: 40 minutes: 5 min intro + 10 min play + 5 min of changed roles + 20 min discussion

## **Overview and objectives:**

This is a roleplay game to show on an example how active citizenship should look like. It is based on imaginary story of a kingdom where everybody has a different opinion and attitude to active citizenship. Purpose of this game is to make people think about how action of one person can influence the others.

The main objectives of this activity are:

- To show difference between being active and passive behaviour
- To show that everybody's voice matters
- To show what can be done if people cooperate and participate

## Materials needed:

- 1. Papers with description of the different roles for each group Annex 1
- 2. Isolated place for each group
- 3. Flipchart and markers for evaluation

## Preparation:

The teacher should prepare papers with the descriptions of the different roles (5 for each group – see Annex 1). If the teacher decides to use the help of facilitators s/he should make sure that every facilitator properly understands what they should do.

When introducing the activity rules to the students, the teacher shouldn't explain the roles. S/he should just say that the students have to act according to the roles they were given.





### Tips and comments:

You can have somebody to facilitate each group – interrupt only in case of explaining what to do and to encourage people, if they don't like the activity don't give up.

Possible questions for debriefing and evaluation:

- 1. Ask people to describe how they felt in their roles in contrast
- 2. Did you like being active?
- 3. Do you think that you can make a change and that the change matters?
- 4. What can you do to change the system?

### Step by step instructions:

5 minutes for introduction and division or roles.

- 1. Introduction to the activity
- 2. Divide people into groups of 5
- 3. Make them pick a piece of paper a random role

#### Roles:

- King who orders higher taxes in control
- A person who always agrees with the king follower
- A person who always complains and does nothing beer guy
- A person who has a voice and tries to make a change active
- A person who doesn't care about anything passive

Later change it to see the difference:

- King stays the same
- one who always agrees stays the same
- one who does nothing can involve himself in activities
- one who just complains does something
- one active wanting change stays the same
  - 4. Actual role playing 10 min.
  - 5. Changing the roles and play again 10 min.
  - 6. Discussion about feelings Explain the point of the game 20min.



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### Annex 1 – Description of roles

The king	The king 2
You are the most important. You have all the power and you like to use it. Now you need money, so you decided to raise the taxes. Inform your people. Talk only in orders.	You like money. Raise taxes again.
The follower	The follower 2
You think the king is the best. Everything he says is right. So you just agree. Always. The beer guy	You still think king is the best. Agree, agree, agree The beer guy 2
Always complain about everything, but do not involve yourself in any community activities.	Remain complaining but now you can try to participate in some community activities.
The active guy	The active guy 2
You are against raising taxes. You are not afraid to say it and you are willing to fight for it. You are trying to stop the king.	Still fighting. Get some support from others.
The passive guy	The passive guy 2
You are so fed up with everything that you do not give shit. You do not care about anything, you do not say anything=>you do nothing	Now just go with the flow against the system in the kingdom.



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