Alignment game (only for groups)	

When playing this Alignment Game, each player is given a different mission that should be accomplished. The player does not know about the missions that other participants have. In a limited time, all of them must build a tower making sure that their mission is achieved, and there is only one condition: participants can't talk.

With these instructions, all players start to build their tower, preferably in groups of 12 people. This game can be played in two rounds. After the first round it is common that not many of the players get their mission, especially if they are not a previous working team and they don't know each other. Some teams take a lot of time finding a means of communication different than talking.

Usually in the second round, players in the group have more success in their missions. But in the end, most of them state that it would have been easier to accomplish all their tasks if they knew in advance what their missions were.

After the game, participants learn that even though each of them had a different mission, all of them were compatible, so it is possible that all players in the group satisfy their mission.

As a conclusion, participants learn that communication is essential when working in groups, and that there are many ways of doing it. This first conclusion is a learning that you should have always present. Even though you are planning to develop a project on your own, for sure you will need to cooperate with others (i.e. clients or users, providers, etc.).

Another learning you will get from this game is that, in order to achieve the team's goals faster, it is better if all members in the group share their own objectives. Throughout this MOOC, you will learn that a team working in a project might have different views and objectives towards it. Therefore, the first step in any working team should be to openly share each member's views on the project, as well as their own goals they want to get with it. By doing this, the team will start building the project on a solid base and it is more likely that all members cooperate together to get the project goals.

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