



AN ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE

Ethics
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Global Ethics Day 2024

What is an Escape Room?

Imagine you're in a room with your friends, and the door is locked. To get out, you have to solve puzzles, find hidden clues, and work together as a team. It's like being in a real-life adventure game! Each puzzle solved gets you closer to unlocking the door and escaping the room. It's a great way of testing how you would behave, react, and respond to emerging challenges related to a specific subject or topic.



Why we chose an Escape Room instead of a conventional seminar-style event.

Experiential Learning and Gamification are Impactful. Instead of just reading or listening, you get to do activities that help you understand things better. When you do something yourself, you remember it better. It's like how you remember your favorite game because you played it, not just watched someone else play. Turning learning into a game makes it fun. You get to play while you learn, which keeps you interested and excited.

Games often have rewards and challenges that make you want to keep going. It's like earning points or badges for doing well, which makes you want to try harder! Many games, like escape rooms, require you to work with others. This helps you learn how to communicate and solve problems together.

Finally, escape rooms and other fun learning activities help you understand things better, remember them longer, and enjoy the process of learning!



Welcome!



Welcome to the Facilitator's Guide for the Ethics Escape Room Prototype!

This guide is designed to help you run a variation of an escape room activity, tested with the Office of the Prime Minister during Global Ethics Day in 2024. Created by the UNDP Namibia Accelerator Lab, as a learning experience, this prototype serves as a learning experience to commemorate the day and as an experiment to see how many integrity champions would use this in their activities to make learning about ethics enjoyable.

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Event Structure

As part of the preparation, find a venue that would comfortably host an equal number of teams in three separate rooms. For this event, we anticipated that two - hundred participants would attend, so we planned for ten groups of twenty people each. At any given time, we expected 60 people in one room (a room would host three teams of 20).

The activities in each room are time-sensitive, meaning that team members only have 45 minutes to complete the activity before moving to the next room. Facilitators will keep time and sound the bell (or equally loud sound that will signal movement to the next room.)

When each team has completed the tasks, they will have to collect a “token” from the “Token-Keeper” who will indicate the score, time of task or challenge completion in exchange for the answer sheets. For our event, we had three tokens cut into the SDG 16 dove icon in gold, silver and bronze. The first team who has collected all three tokens in the shortest time will be the winner.

If there are time constraints, you may choose to run one escape room at a time instead of all three.

Objectives

- To engage participants in an interactive and enjoyable learning experience about ethics.
- To test the effectiveness of the escape room format in promoting ethical behavior and integrity.
- To gather feedback on the prototype for future improvements.



Materials Needed

- Printed activity sheets for Room 1: Ethics Word Factory (Crossword puzzles and Clues)
Room 2: Integrity Quest (Worksheets with 15 questions)
Room 3: Ethics Summit 2030 (Worksheets with 15 questions)
- Tokens in bronze, silver, gold
- Timer
- Bell
- Pens and paper
- Any additional props as specified in the activity details. For example, we posted cut-outs of the words to be used in the Ethics Word Factory Room. We used large icons signaling digital, wiifi, cloud, blockchain, bitcoin and Ai Future pictures for the Ethics Summit 2030 Room.
- A grand prize for the winning team (or if budget will allow, a first, second and third prize).

Some Rules & Tips

- Be Open-Minded - Be prepared to learn and embrace new ideas.
- Collaborate - Work together and think broadly.
- Build on Ideas: Enhance and expand on each other's ideas.
- Have Fun: - Enjoy the activities and the spirit of competition.
Work as a team!!!
- Agree and assign roles such as the leader, navigator, etc.



Step By Step Instructions

Preparation

1. Set Up the Rooms: Arrange the three rooms with different stations and or areas where participants will find the clues and puzzles. Ensure that each station is clearly marked.
2. Prepare Materials: Print out all necessary puzzles, clues, and instructions. Place them in the appropriate locations around the rooms.
3. Briefing: Before participants arrive, familiarize yourself with the puzzles and the flow of the activity.



Room 1: The Ethics Word Factory

In this room, your team has to collectively complete a crossword puzzle within 45 minutes. Use the printed copies in completing the puzzles. Submit one completed crossword puzzle per team in exchange for a token from the facilitator.

Room 2: Integrity Quest

To complete the integrity quest, your team has to address 15 ethical dilemmas encountered in the public service. Provide answers using the physical answer sheets. The first team to complete all the correct answers to the dilemmas can collect a token in exchange for the answer sheets / booklet.

Room 3: The 2030 Ethics Summit

This room takes you into the future and you will be given an opportunity to explore future scenarios related to ethics and integrity. Discuss strategies for adapting to future scenarios using future cards. Once all cards have captured the answers and strategies, submit to the facilitator to collect a token.



THE ETHICS WORD FACTORY

Crossing the "t"s
and connecting
your "i"s.... for
crossword
puzzles to
strengthen your
word muscle

INTEGRITY QUEST

Navigate 15
dilemmas you are
likely to
encounter in the
public service!
Choose the right
answer despite
having doubts

ETHICS SUMMIT 2030

Why is it
important for
public servants to
view the future
through the lens
of digital tools, ai
and emerging
tech? 15
questions will
make you re-
think your role as
an integrity
champion!

ROOM DESCRIPTIONS