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Requirements of Participation

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Find out exactly what is required of participants in order to participate fully in the setting.

Story

The support worker made a long list of reasons why Arthur should be a volunteer. She was expecting hesitation or resistance from the volunteering place. When she made the call the woman in charge said 'yes' before there was a chance to give even one good reason' (*Amado et al 1990, p26*)

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Hints & Hazards

Note a distinction between the demands of participation and the extra activities that are involved in fully adopting the role. For example, money is needed to attend a football match (demands or participation), while a scarf must be worn at all times by people adopting the role of team supporter.

Check that they time and money involved in actually what the person wants to do with that time and money.

‘Are all the requirements ‘real’ or are there alternative ways in which these requirements can be met? Can the person bring a friend to the activity?’ (*Aylward 2003, p23*)