FIND ME ON CÍRCULO

A game for discovering social commitments for support groups.
Objective

Your personal and social objective is to realize the commitment you make to your peers when you join a support circle on Círculo. Your game objective is to travel from start to finish on the game board.

SUPPLIES

- Game board
- Stack of scenario cards
- 1 pen or pencil
- 1 game marker for each player

PLAYERS

In a virtual setting, you will need:

- 3-4 players
- 1 facilitator

Warning: Violence, Misogyny.

The scenarios used in this game are about physical situations that do not belong to a specific person. They could contain sensitive or violent elements. Discretion is advised. Players are encouraged to choose a different scenario card if the one they’ve drawn causes discomfort.

Instructions

Find your game marker. Place it on ‘start’ on the game board. The facilitator will designate a player to read a scenario (Player A).

PLAYER A

1. Draw a card.
2. Read aloud the scenario from the card you drew.
3. Think about how you would want your circle mates to respond to you in this situation.
4. Write it down on the back of the card and place it face down.
5. When you’re done, say ‘ready’.

PLAYERS B, C & D

1. After Player A says ‘ready,’ take turns sharing how you would respond to Player A in the situation.

PLAYER A

1. After all of the players have shared their answers, reveal the answer that you wrote on the back of your scenario card.
2. One-by-one, determine if players B, C and D have either met your expectation or exceeded your expectation.

The facilitator will tell Player A their score and how many spaces they can move.

The facilitator will designate who draws a scenario card next. It’s recommended that you alternate between physical ▲ and emotional ● scenario cards.

Scoring

We all move one space if every player gave an answer!

PLAYER A (PLAYER READING THE SCENARIO)

Move 1 space for each player that matched or exceeded your expectation. If the card is wild, move 2 spaces for every player that matched or exceeded your expectation.

PLAYERS B, C & D (PLAYERS RESPONDING)

Move 2 spaces if your response matches Player A’s expectation. Move 4 spaces if your response exceeds Player A’s expectation.

How To Win

Everyone wins! Congratulate each other as you cross the finish line. Continue to participate in the scenarios until all of your circle mates have joined you. The game ends when all players are together again.

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SCENARIO 1

A stranger just followed you to your hotel. You share that you’re in your room with the door locked, but feel scared, trapped and unsure of what to do.

How would you want your ‘circle mates’ to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 2

You share that you’ve just arrived on the scene of a conflict that’s very dangerous. You ask for people to stay close by.

How would you want your ‘circle mates’ to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 3

There have been robberies in your neighborhood. You share that someone is knocking on your door trying to break in.

How would you want your ‘circle mates’ to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 4

You share your location while on an assignment and express that you’re feeling uneasy.

How would you want your ‘circle mates’ to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 5

You’re covering a story on missing families. You share that a group of suspicious people just showed up, and that you’re nervous and unsure of what to do.

How would you want your ‘circle mates’ to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 6

You share that you’re walking alone at night in a city you don’t know and you don’t feel safe.

How would you want your ‘circle mates’ to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 7

You share that you’re traveling alone on public transportation for the next two hours, and ask people in your circle to check in on you.

How would you want your ‘circle mates’ to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 8

You share that you’re going to a protest in an hour that might turn violent.

How would you want your ‘circle mates’ to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.
SCENARIO 9
You share that you just started getting phone calls from people telling you to stop helping families of missing children.

How would you want your 'circle mates' to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 10
You just traveled to a male-dominated, misogynous area. You share how you felt intimidated and didn’t really know how to handle it. Now you are safe, but you want to know what you should do next time.

How would you want your 'circle mates' to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 11
You share that you’re going on an assignment to cover a story about a community fighting against a multinational company to protect their water sources. You are visiting the area and know that puts you at risk. You ask for safety recommendations.

How would you want your 'circle mates' to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 12
You share that you’re being trolled on Twitter and send links.

How would you want your 'circle mates' to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 13
You ask for immediate advice on a contentious story you’re working on about abortion in a very Catholic community.

How would you want your 'circle mates' to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 14
You share that your accounts have been hacked. You ask your circle not to respond to any messages from you on social media.

How would you want your 'circle mates' to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 15
You share that you’re covering a politician’s press conference. You let your circle know that he just invited you to his office to talk in private. You feel uneasy with the situation.

How would you want your 'circle mates' to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.

SCENARIO 16
Create your own.

How would you want your 'circle mates' to respond to you? Write your answer on the back of the card.