



Education in the group

AT A GLANCE



Core idea

Learning by doing – children learn most when they try things out themselves



Group

Groups go through phases: getting to know each other, friction, finding rules, working, saying goodbye



Participation

Children have a say – this builds responsibility and community



games



roles



feedback



nature



The phases of a group

Arriving

Uncertainty – getting-to-know-you games, give clear structure.

Friction

Conflicts over roles – accompany fairly, do not suppress.

Rules

Find shared rules, belonging grows.

Working

The group carries itself – hand over responsibility.

Goodbye

Shape endings consciously and appreciate them.



Tools for leaders

- Alternate quiet and active phases
- Give every child a task, see their strengths
- Make praise specific, give criticism in private
- Short review at the end: what went well? What do we take with us?



Participation in practice

- At the start of term, collect the children's ideas and vote on them
- Older children lead parts of the meeting
- Let the group elect a council or spokespeople



Practice: In the meeting plan "Planning a group meeting – leadership workshop" (Senior Scouts 16+) young people practise planning themselves.



Training dates: Current courses on this topic are listed on scouts-cloud.com under "Events & dates > Training & courses".