

Time: 30 - 40 minutes

Teams: 4 - 8 players

Location: Indoor or outdoor space (quiet and comfortable)

Educational Objective

The purpose of this task is to help participants understand competing community needs, practice perspective-taking, recognise stakeholder interests, and collaborate toward a shared sustainable compromise.

The activity builds critical thinking, negotiation, empathy, and balanced decision-making skills.

Moderator

Build or Protect?

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Introduction & Framing

Explain that broader societal priorities, like advancing economic opportunities and safeguarding ecological well-being, frequently come into conflict and demand careful consideration.

Clarify that each group will represent one side, advocate for it, and later negotiate a compromise.

Methodological tip: Emphasise respectful debate and objective reasoning.

2. Organisation

Choose a quiet, comfortable indoor or outdoor space.

Ensure each Pro group has a notepad for taking notes.

3. Choose Your Side (2 minutes)

Instruct players to divide into two groups: **Pro-Mall** and **Pro-Green Space**.

Instruct them to stay in their assigned roles until the compromise phase.

Ensure each Pro group understands its focus. Pro-Mall argues for economic growth and consumer benefits; Pro-Green Space argues for protecting nature, biodiversity, and community well-being.

4. Stakeholders & Needs (10 minutes)

Guide each Pro group to list at least four stakeholders and define their needs.

Encourage consideration of residents, businesses, environmental groups, government, students, and local ecosystems.

5. Present Your Case (8 minutes)

Facilitate brief presentations.

Remind participants to express what their side wants, why it matters, and what concerns they have.

Keep tone factual and respectful.

6. Sustainable Compromise (10 minutes)

Bring both Pro groups together. Their challenge is to create ONE realistic, balanced solution that addresses needs from both sides and reduces environmental harm.

Encourage creativity but require feasibility.

The final compromise must be stated in one clear sentence.

Mission Equipment

Notepad or whiteboard for taking notes  

Role of the Moderator

The moderator acts as a facilitator, not a judge. Your role is to:

- Ensure respectful communication and equal participation.
- Keep time and structure the activity.
- Support Pro groups in identifying needs and concerns without influencing their stance.
- Encourage balanced, realistic compromise-building.