



# DiscoverServices

## Maypole

Maypole is a classic communication exercise, highlighting the value of 'followship' as well as leadership. It challenges perceptions about what and how people can contribute to the success of events that seem outside their sphere of influence.

### Common Themes include:

- Clarity and feedback
- Breaking down of complex tasks into simple steps
- Communicating for understanding
- Priority management
- Both internal and external customer service



### How it Works

Aside from a leader, a team of blindfolded people attempt to collectively pick up an object and transport it around a course. The leader is unable to touch any team member or the maypole itself. Team members may only touch the control rods of the maypole. Both leaders and team members often experience feelings of frustration and the quality of the information communicated has a direct impact on the success of the task.

