

ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE 5 – Follow The Leader

How does someone else lead you through the environment?

How is it to lead others through your experience of the environment?

You will need at least three people for this experiment.

Take it in turns to lead a line of participants through the environment.

The leader stops briefly to respond to aspects of the environment along the way.

Each participant does exactly what the person in front of them did – in exactly the same place they did it.

So the overall effect is that of a canon.

This means observing closely the person in front of you (& ONLY the person in front of you – not the leader) & repeating the same action in the same place, while still being aware of what they are doing next AND doing the action clearly enough for the person behind to follow.

The leader is responsible not to lose anyone. They need to make sure every action is very clear & to give time & space in between environmental response actions. (However, they need to be careful about looking back to check on everyone – as that might be seen as an action to follow!)

This is a little like the game “Chinese Whispers” – where a sentence is whispered down a line from one person to another. Although the goal is for the last person to end up with the original sentence, it usually becomes distorted to amusing proportions!

However – the aim here is to try & keep the integrity of the original action, although one must follow only the person immediately in front – even if they copy inaccurately.

The environmental responses that the leader engages in consist of all the elements we have been exploring in our Environmental Response experiments. So look back over them before embarking on this journey.

Have fun!