

Vision: To contribute to the bonding of humankind.

Objective: To relate with other humans as kin.

Strategy: To develop the use of kinship terms to be used in conjunction with individual given names eg. "Cousin Simon".

RELATING AS KIN

An explorative workshop being developed by Peter Hamilton.

Crossword puzzle.

Clue: "Survival of the fittest", seven letters in which the second letter is "i"? Answer: See below.

Starters

Step 1. For yourself, check if you "feel" your partner is in:

- the same generation as yourself?
- your parent's generation?
- your children's generation?
- other (for example: grand parent/child or beyond)?

Step 2. If the connection "feels" unclear, is there a "feeling" that it is more likely to be on your mother's/daughter's or father's/son's side of the family?

Step 3. Did your mother and/or father, have brothers and/or sisters, who married and had a family? If so is there a "feeling" that your partner could be related through such a marriage?

Step 4. If no connection "feels" comfortable in the above pathways, speculate on other possible family connection? Consider a "general" name such as:- uncle, aunt, cousin, kinsman etc. See list below. Note: The term that you "feel" comfortable with need not be the reciprocal of that chosen by your partner, but play around with the options to see if you can find a mutually acceptable relationship.

Step 5. Mutually agree to use this kinship term (with or without your partners given name eg "Cousin", or "Cousin Simon") whenever you speak with them for the duration of this weekend **Heart Politics** gathering. A feedback form will be available on Monday which will include an option for suggestion/s on how comfortable you felt in using a kinship term, and how this procedure may be improved.

Some Social Kinship Terms

ancestor: one from whom a person is descended.

aunt: 1. sister of one's father or mother. 2. wife of one's uncle.

brother-in-law: one's husband's or wife's brother.

cousin: 1. the son or daughter of an uncle or aunt. 2. Related by descent from a known or unknown ancestor. 3. The children of brothers and sisters are cousins to each other.

god-relative: as in God Mother etc: figure of speech referring to a nominal relationship not connected by blood or marriage.

grandchild: grandmother: grandfather: one generation removed in ascent or descent.

great-grandmother etc: two generations removed (used in compounds) in ascent or descent.

in-law: related by marriage.

kinsman: a male blood relative.

kinswoman: a female blood relative.

mother-in-law, step-mother: the mother of one's husband.

nephew: 1. son of one's brother or sister. 2. son of one's husband or wife's, brother or sister.

niece: 1. daughter of one's brother or sister 2. daughter of one's husband's or wife's, brother or sister.

sister-in-law: one's wife's or husband's sister.

step-mother/ father etc: see "mother-in-law".

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Source: mainly *Macquarie Dictionary*

Answer: "Kinship" as in those who have a meaningful extended family as kin, will have a better chance of survival!

Wind up - using partner kinship name
Do round of where folk sit.

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younger sister

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