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Boundary Worksheet

Communities have a boundary between outsiders and insiders.

INSIDER RECOGNITION

Do we know formally or informally who is in our community and who is outside? (even self-selecting communities have insiders and outsiders)

How do we know when someone is inside?

BOUNDARY INVITATION

Who are our gatekeepers who can welcome new members? (informal or formal)

How do newcomers find and access them?

BOUNDARY PROTECTION

Who maintains the boundary so that we know who is inside or outside? (This can be several people, or just one, and can be informal or formal.)



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Has anyone ever been denied entry or rejected?

How was this enforced?

How do we prefer to enforce the boundary to protect the values in our community?



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