

SCENE: GALA Day 1 2011

Ethel; a GALA Group Leader, is SOOOO excited to meet the International Students that are going to be in her group. Her first few students begin to arrive and she envelopes all of them in a big group hug and shouts "Welcome to Canada! I'm so excited that you guys are here and I have so much to share with you!" The next few arrive and she hugs all of them as well. Once her whole group is there she decides to play her favourite ice breaker "Knights, Maidens and Cavaliers". All the students seem really into the game and are getting pretty excited, except for one. Susanna, one of the International Students, is standing off to the side and looking really uncomfortable. Ethel is unsure of what to do in the situation and doesn't know how to include Susanna as she is clearly too shy and quiet to play the game.

What is wrong with this situation?

What should Ethel do?

How do you connect with a diversified group of students in a group setting?