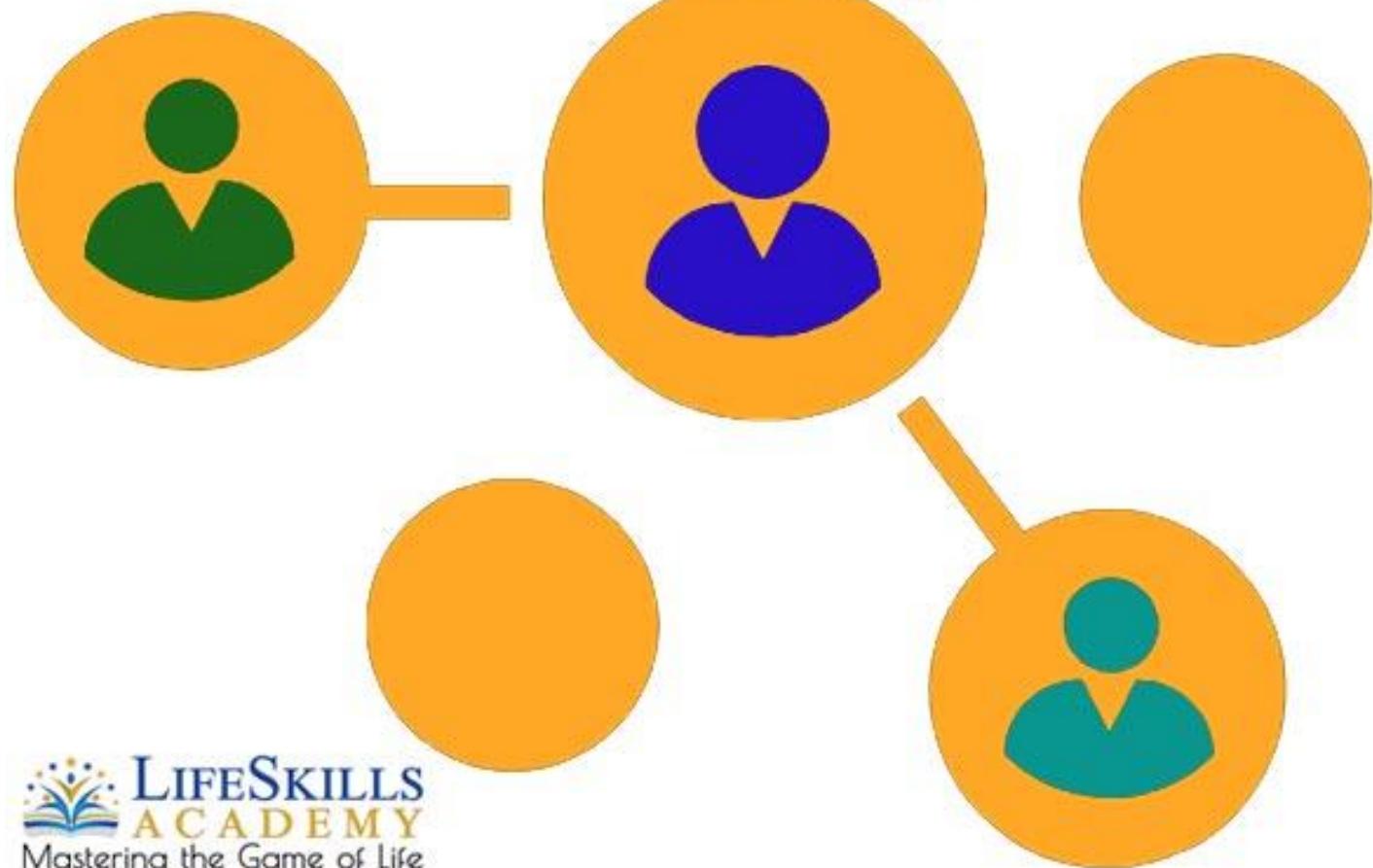


# Relational Intelligence ToolKit



# Module One: Warming the Room

**Presence Before Performance - Presence, not polish, is what warms a room.**

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## Orientation

Warming the room is not about impressing others or managing their reactions. It is about moving through shared space with awareness, steadiness, and care.

This module is designed to help you *practice* relational presence every day—In meetings, gatherings, conversations, and moments of transition—*without changing who you are*.

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## What This Module Is (and Isn't)

### This module is:

- Awareness-based
- Gentle and practical
- Focused on emotional safety
- Designed for real life

### This module is not:

- A personality makeover
- A networking script
- A checklist for social performance
- A guide to being entertaining or impressive

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## Before You Enter

How you enter a space often shapes how safe it feels—both for you and for others.

Allow yourself to:

- Arrive a few minutes early when possible
- Pause briefly if you enter while others are already engaged
- Notice the emotional tone of the room before joining

This moment of orientation is not hesitation. It is presence.

### **Reflection Prompt**

- What changes for me when I slow my entry into a space?

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## As You Join

There is no perfect way to enter a conversation—only respectful ones.

- Approach with **open posture**, relaxed shoulders and face
- Make gentle **eye contact** before speaking
- Notice whether a group feels **open or mid-conversation**

Groups of three or more often allow easier entry than pairs, where a personal exchange may be underway. This is not a rule—it is *relational awareness*.

### **Reflection Prompt**

- How do I decide when and how to join a conversation?

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## While You're There

The goal is not to be interesting. The goal is to be *interested*.

Warming the room often sounds like:

- Asking a sincere, open-ended question
- Offering a thoughtful observation
- Naming something you genuinely appreciate or notice

Small, sincere comments reduce uncertainty and create ease.

### ***Reflection Prompt***

- What helps me stay present rather than self-conscious?

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## **As You Leave**

How we exit a conversation often determines how it is remembered.

Leaving well may include:

- A brief closing comment ("It was good to talk with you")
- Expressing appreciation for the exchange
- Allowing transitions without abruptness

Leaving with care preserves connection.

### ***Reflection Prompt***

- How do I typically leave conversations—and how might I do so more intentionally?

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## **A Gentle Practice for the Week**

Choose one setting this week—a meeting, gathering, or conversation—and practice the following:

- Pause before entering
- Stay oriented toward others while present
- Leave with kindness and clarity

***Notice what changes***—externally or internally.

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## A Reassuring Truth

You do not need to master every social situation to warm the room.

If you can:

- Notice before acting
- Pay attention while present
- Leave with respect

You are already practicing relational intelligence.

This work is not about becoming someone else. It is about trusting the quiet strengths you already bring with you.

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Below is the Reflection Review Card – Module One

Suggestion: print it out and place it where you can see it as a small reminder –

on your refrigerator

Computer monitor frame or laptop lid

Desk drawer (inside—so you see it when you open it)

desk

night stand

bathroom mirror

purse

backpack

Inside your planner or journal cover

Sun visor of your car

Inside your wallet or phone case

Gym bag or yoga mat sleeve

You could even “save” the image on your phone!

# Reflection Review Card – Module One

## Warming the Room

Presence before performance.

### Before

- Did I pause before entering?

### During

- Was I oriented toward others?
- Did I focus on being interested rather than impressive?

### After

- Did I leave with clarity and kindness?

### Quiet Reflection

- Where did I feel most at ease today?
- What small shift helped?