

# The Providence Addendum to the Cambridge Solution: A Group Murder Mystery

**THEY improv** has come up with the Cambridge Solution that takes into account the budgetary needs of a smaller group and the need for more participants of a larger group. To this, we have added the Providence Addendum to enhance the interaction at the tables and to improve the feeling of participation for all involved.

Where the Cambridge Solution uses six to ten participants from your group that go table to table answering questions about a murder, the Providence Addendum provides characters for everyone at every table as well. This enables them to feel more a part of the proceedings, be more directly involved in the action and to interact with more directed questioning of the suspects.

Depending on the number of people at each table, up to ten additional characters are created. Each seat at the table has a unique character that has specific information that they know about one or two of the suspects. This enables them to ask questions more direct and piercing questions as the suspects come around. It also allows for a more in-depth discussion and comparison of notes at the table when there are no suspects to question.

## **Question 1: What kind of characters are these?**

The additional characters at the table are created as archetypes. They are types of people that might fit within the scenario that are readily identifiable by their category, such as the banker, the insurance agent, the doctor, the cab driver, etc. These characters are also generated to be gender neutral. This allows everyone to participate and for each table to have their own mix creating different experiences for everyone participating.

## **Question 2: What if one table has less people, are they at a disadvantage?**

The information is created to be shared. Those at the table will simply pass any extra characters to those at the table. While they won't play the characters, they will share the information. That way no table has additional information or advantage over any other table.

## **Question 3: Does this make the event take longer?**

The nature of the Cambridge Solution allows us to adjust the length easily by changing the amount of time spent at each table. By letting the suspects remain longer, we can easily extend the event. If we speed them up, we can make the event go quicker. That being said, usually it allows for more entertainment at the tables and thus clients generally allow these events an extra 15-30 minutes. These are also generally the larger events as it is even more valuable as an option when the tables outnumber the suspects. When there are tables without suspects talking, it's good to have other items to discuss during that time.

Contact **THEY improv** to find out how adding the Providence Addendum can help to expand your event and make it all the more successful for your group. Contact **THEY improv** by email at [info@THEYimprov.com](mailto:info@THEYimprov.com) or by phone at (866) 219-4386.