

Get-To-Know-You Program 100+ people (30 mins)

Velcro Circle – quick & inventive circle-forming exercise
Vortex – interactive, non-threatening, random partner sharing activity
ESP – passive, fun activity which invites partners to think alike
Props – none required

Step-by-step instructions for each of these activities are provided below. To view video tutorials, practical leadership tips & popular variations, click the links above.

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1. Velcro Circle (3 mins)

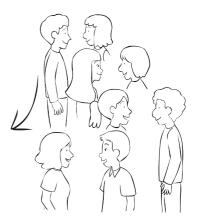
- 1. Ask group to form a tight circle, with arms by their sides pressed up against their neighbour's arms.
- 2. Explain that when you announce "VELCRO CIRCLE," you want the group to form this-sized circle.
- 3. Ask your group to take a large step out of the circle, and place their hands on their own hips.
- 4. Invite everyone to adjust their position so that neighbouring out-stretched elbows are touching.
- 5. Explain that every time you announce "SUPER HERO CIRCLE," you want the group to form thissized circle.



6. Test your group's rapid execution by announcing a series of random Velcro or Super Hero Circle calls in a row.

2. Vortex (15 mins)

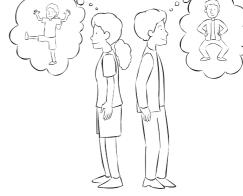
- 1. Ask your group to form into pairs, and assign the number 1 or 2 to each person.
- 2. With partners facing one another, ask all number 1 people to form a circle on the inside of a second circle formed by all number 2 people.
- 3. Pose a question which invites each partnership to have a short conversation.



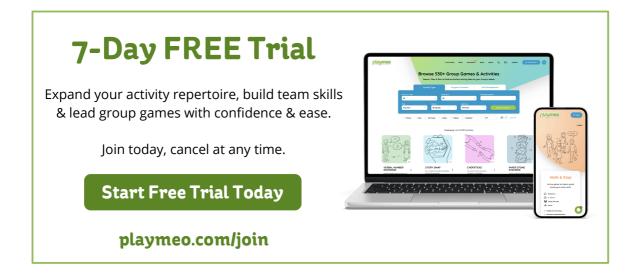
- 4. After a minute or two, ask one of the circles to rotate to the left (or right) a specified number of places, so that everyone faces a new partner.
- 5. Continue this process of changing partners several times, asking a different question each time.

3. ESP (12 mins)

- 1. Ask your group to form into pairs, and gather around you.
- 2. Identify three definable and unique physical gestures which reflect your program goals, or anything three things such as Happy, Sad and Shocked.
- 3. Practice all three gestures several times with your group.
- 4. Pairs start by standing back to back with their partners.



- 5. On the count of three, everyone turns around swiftly to face their partner and demonstrate one of the three gestures.
- 6. Each person aims to match the gesture of their partner as often as possible within, say, five rounds.





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