

Get-To-Know-You Program 100+ people (60 mins)

- **1.** <u>Signature Bingo</u> *simple, highly interactive get-to-know-you activity*
- 2. Thumb Wrestling In Stereo hilarious re-working of a classic partner game
 - 3. <u>Clumps</u> fun, energetic mixer that blends well with <u>Paired Shares</u>
- **4.** Map Making creative problem-solving exercise to create a map of the world
 - **5.** Mapping interactive spatial exercise which uses the newly created map

Props – a 'Signature Bingo' sheet per person, 12 x short rope or webbing loops

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. Signature Bingo (10 mins)

- 1. Mark a sheet of paper to look a bit like a BINGO sheet, ie 5 rows by 5 columns = 25 squares.
- 2. Fill each square with a short instruction, such as "Ask someone who was born in February to sign here," or "Ask someone born in a foreign country to sign here." See below for sample questions.
- 3. Copy and distribute one BINGO sheet and a pen to each person in your group.
- 4. Ask each person to seek the signature of someone in the group who matches the criteria prescribed in each of the 25 squares.
- 5. Announce that the first person to obtain five signatures in a row (up, down or diagonal), or the first to fill the entire sheet, wins a prize.

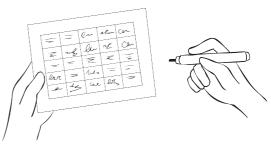
Here are a set of **sample questions**. Add to this list by developing a number of your own questions, or download the *Print+Play Signature Bingo* template from the <u>Resources</u> tab connected to this activity.

I own a dog at home

I had cereal for breakfast this morning

I write with my left hand

I wear the same shoe size as you



I can speak a language other than English
I play a competitive sport

2. Thumb Wrestling in Stereo (5 mins)

- 1. Form partners.
- 2. Instruct each person to extend both their left and right hands and to curl their fingers inside the matching palms of their partner.
- 3. Starting with opposing thumbs side-by-side, each person aims to pin their partner's thumb under their own thumb first.
- 4. Best of five rounds wins.
- 5. Swap partners and repeat.

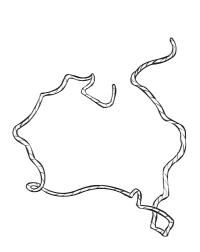


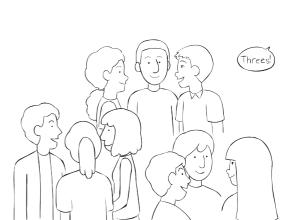
3. Clumps (15 mins)

- 1. Assemble your group in front of you.
- 2. Explain that everyone will soon be invited to form a series of smaller groups.
- 3. Each group will comprise a defined number of people matching the number you announce.
- 4. For example, if you announce "SIX," everyone must form small groups of six people, including themselves.
- 5. Loudly announce the first number.
- 6. Encourage people to locate or form their groups quickly.
- 7. Upon gathering, consider asking the group to complete a task or respond to a question you pose, such as those described in <u>Paired Shares</u>.
- 8. Repeat, by continuing to announce a series of numbers.

4. Map Making (10 mins)

- 1. Gather your group in the centre of an open (empty) playing space.
- 2. Distribute at least 12 lengths of short rope or webbing pieces (approx 3-4 metres) tied in loops.
- 3. Instruct your group to use these flexible loops to create a two-dimensional map of the world on the floor / ground.

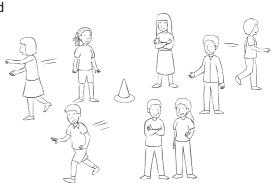




- 4. Naturally, with limited resources, explain that the relative location of the continents and countries is more important than their scale and size.
- 5. Allow 5 to 10 minutes for your group to create their map.

5. Mapping (20 mins)

- 1. Gather your group around the map you have created in the centre of your playing space.
- 2. Explain that over the next few minutes you will announce a series of questions or statements.
- 3. With each question or statement, you would like each person to move to a spot on the map that best represents their response.
- 4. Examples of questions include:
 - Where in the world were you born?
 - Where in the world would you love to go on holiday?
 - Move to the location of a recent world / news-making event.
 - Move to the country which is known for producing your favourite cuisine.
- 5. Continue playing for 15 to 20 minutes, inviting lots of mixing and sharing along the way.



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