

# Get-To-Know-You Program 12 people (60 mins)

- **1.** Thumb Wrestling In Stereo hilarious re-working of a classic partner game
- **2.** Me You You Me unique, hilarious name-game for new and existing groups
  - 3. Toss A Name Game classic circle name game
  - **4.** What's In A Name? fun, whole-of-group name-game

**Props** - bunch of soft, tossable items, eg fleece-balls, koosh-balls, beanie toys, etc.

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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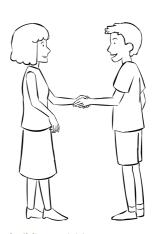
## 1. Thumb Wrestling In Stereo (10 mins)

- 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.

### 2. Me You You Me (10 mins)

- 1. Ask your group to form a circle, including yourself.
- 2. Step inside the circle, and face your left-hand side neighbour.
- 3. Shaking hands, say your own name, and your neighbour says their name.
- 4. You repeat your neighbour's name, and they say your name, then stop shaking.
- 5. Move to your right, and repeat the process with the





- next person in the circle.
- 6. When you reach the third person in the circle, the first person you greeted steps inside the circle and initiates a greeting with their left-hand side neighbour.
- 7. Process continues, until everyone has greeted all others in the circle at least once.
- 8. Ultimately, everyone returns to their original spot in the circle.

#### 3. Toss A Name Game (20 mins)

- Standing in a circle, ask everyone to say their name as they pass a soft tossable to their left-hand neighbour.
- 2. Once the item returns to the beginning, repeat this process in the other direction.
- 3. Next, explain that whoever has the tossable will call the name of another person in the circle to attract their attention, and then pass the tossable to them.
- 4. Continue process for a few minutes, and then introduce a second tossable to involve more people.
- 5. Introduce three, four or more items as appropriate.
- 6. Once this pattern has been reinforced, ask everyone who receives an item to say "THANK YOU" to the person who tossed it to them, using the tosser's name.

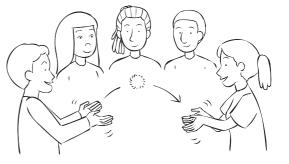
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7. After several minutes, stop the passing, and ask one or more volunteers to identify as many names in the circle as they can.

#### 4. What's In A Name? (20 mins)

- 1. Ask everyone to tally the number of letters in their first name.
- 2. Instruct your group to form a straight line from lowest to the highest number of letters.
- 3. Invite individuals to adopt an abbreviated version of their name which may place them closer to, or at the very ends of the line.
- 4. Award nominal gold medals to those whose names comprise the lowest and highest number of letters.
- 5. Next, ask everyone to add the number of letters of their first and middle names, and re-arrange themselves from highest to lowest accordingly.
- 6. Finally, invite everyone to calculate the total number of letters in their full name first, middle and last names.
- 7. Offer celebratory applause for each round of gold medal performance.



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