

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

- **1.** Who energising name-game that does not require a knowledge of names
 - **2.** <u>Categories</u> fun, non-threatening mixing activity
- **3.** Psychic Handshake quick random method to mix & form smaller groups

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. Who (10 mins)

- 1. Ask your group to form a large circle, with you in the centre.
- 2. Start by pointing randomly at one person in the circle, and yelling "WHO!"
- 3. The pointed-to person responds by yelling their name, and moves towards the centre of the circle to exchange greetings with you.
- 4. Now, swap roles with the pointed-to person, as you move into their original place in the circle.
- 5. The game continues with the new person in the centre of the circle calling "WHO!"
- 6. Invite two, three or more people into the centre to involve more people.

2. Categories (15 mins)

- 1. Assemble your group in front of you.
- 2. Announce a particular category, such as 'colour of eyes' (see below for sample two- and multi-group splits).
- 3. Ask everyone to find all other people in the group who identify with the same category.
- 4. Repeat, with a series of two-group and multi-group





categories, to successfully mix your group.

Simple **two-group splits** include:

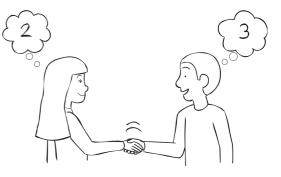
- Arm that ends up crossed over the top of the other, when folded on your chest.
- Shower / bath in the morning or end of the day.
- Preference for washing or drying dishes.
- Prefer a dog or a cat as a pet.
- Last digit of your home telephone number. Odd and even numbers get together.
- Number of street you live at odds and evens.

Simple multi-group splits include:

- Month in which you were born.
- Season of the year in which you were born.
- Number of siblings in your family, including yourself.
- Oldest, youngest, in-between in your family.
- Colour of your eyes, hair, hat, shirt, pants, etc.
- Which shoulder(s) you hold a carry-bag right, left or both shoulders.
- Mode of transport used to get to the program (car, bus, bike, walk).

3. Psychic Handshake (5 mins)

- 1. Assuming you need four groups, ask everyone to think of a number 1, 2, 3 or 4.
- 2. Invite each person to mingle and shake hands with as many people as possible.
- 3. Each person should only shake their own hand (and arm) the number of times of the number they are thinking, and then firmly stop shaking.
- 4. When two people shake hands the same number of times, they belong in the same group.
- 5. No talking or extending fingers, but laughter is permitted.
- 6. Continue shaking until every person discovers their group, and the required number of groups has been formed.



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