

Team-Development Program 100+ people (30 mins)

- **1.** <u>Vowel Orchestra</u> playful, interactive method to form random smaller groups
 - **2.** <u>Snowflake</u> intriguing blind-fold exercise which focuses on diversity
 - **3.** <u>Hip Tag</u> rapid partner exercise which teaches the value of collaboration
- **4.** <u>Paired Share Debrief</u> non-threatening method to invite partners to discuss what they have learned from the session

Props - sheet of paper per person

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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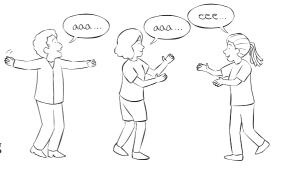
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1. Vowel Orchestra (2 mins)

- 1. Assemble your group in front of you.
- 2. Ask everyone to think of the first vowel of their first name.
- 3. Explain that on "GO" you would everyone to make the sound of this vowel loudly and constantly as they mingle with others.
- 4. Mingling continues until every person who is singing the same type of sound find each other.
- 5. A maximum of five different groups may form.

2. Snowflake (20 mins)

- 1. Ask your group to sit comfortably on the floor or in chairs.
- 2. Distribute a sheet of paper to each person.
- 3. Holding the paper in their hands, invite each person to close their eyes until you ask them to open them again.
- 4. Explain you will soon announce a set of very clear instructions, which you want everyone to follow.





- 5. However, no one is permitted to ask any questions.
- 6. Announce the following instructions, with short pauses between each one:

FOLD YOUR PAPER IN HALF & KEEP IT FOLDED.

TEAR OFF THE BOTTOM RIGHT-HAND CORNER.

DISCARD THE TORN SECTION TO YOUR SIDE.

FOLD YOUR PAPER IN HALF AGAIN & KEEP IT FOLDED.

TEAR OFF THE TOP LEFT-HAND CORNER.

DISCARD THE TORN SECTION.

FOLD YOUR PAPER INTO HALF AGAIN & KEEP IT FOLDED.

TEAR OFF THE BOTTOM LEFT-HAND CORNER.

DISCARD THE TORN SECTION.

FOLD YOUR PAPER INTO HALF AGAIN & KEEP IT FOLDED.

USING YOUR TEETH IF NECESSARY, TEAR OFF THE TOP RIGHT-HAND CORNER.

DISCARD THE TORN SECTION.

FINALLY, FOLD YOUR PAPER IN HALF DIAGONALLY & PRESS ON FOLD AS BEST YOU CAN.

YOU MAY NOW OPEN YOUR EYES.

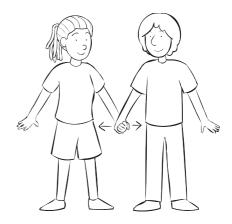
- 7. Invite your group to share with one another what they are now observing.
- 8. Take a few minutes to debrief the exercise, exploring why every 'snowflake' looks different, and what this exercise says about communication, teamwork and valuing diversity.

3. Hip-Tag (3 mins)

- 1. Ask your group to form into pairs, standing side by side with their partner, holding hands.
- 2. Explain that each person aims to touch the back of their partner's hand against their own hip as many times as possible.
- 3. Call "GO" and stop the activity after 10 to 15 seconds has elapsed.
- 4. If useful, survey individual scores, and interpret the range of results.

4. Paired-Share Debrief (5 mins)

- 1. Ask your group to form into small groups of two or three people.
- 2. Pose your question, and invite each person to share their response(s) with their partners.
- 3. Continue to ask questions, or swap partners.





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