**NETWORKING BINGO**

**THEME:** TEAM BUILDING ICEBREAKER

**TITLE:** NETWORKING BINGO

**OBJECTIVES:**

Networking Bingo is an activity which will give students the ability to get to know one another in a unique way. Students are required to fill their bingo cards by learning about and interacting with other group members.. This activity aims to facilitate a positive atmosphere of trust and cohesion.

**TIPS:**

* If possible make the classroom setup a U-shaped one/ or circle one and ask students to complete the activity within the large space inside the U-shaped/circle shaped setup.
  + This will provide a good set-up for open discussion after the activity.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Hand out networking bingo sheets face-down to students.
2. Explain to them that once the game starts they will have to find a person that fits the description in a specific bingo box.
   1. This needs to be a different person for each box. If there are few participants to fit all the boxes then repeats are acceptable.
3. Once a student finds a match, that person must tell the bingo cardholder one fact about how he/she matches the description, and then initial the box.
4. “Wild” card boxes can be filled by anyone.
5. Students should try to fill in all the boxes, as opposed to the traditional Bingo game.
6. The first student to obtain initials in all of the boxes is the winner!
7. Share the winning student’s bingo sheet with the class. Look at the initials from his/her boxes and ask those students to share their relationship to the box with the class.

**DEBRIEF**

1. How did that activity feel? Was it comfortable or uncomfortable at first? Why do you think this was the case?
2. What was one of the oddest questions?
3. Were any questions particularly easy to find?
4. What does this activity teach us about each other?
5. What does this activity teach us about approaching new people? Does it make you feel more comfortable?

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| **Plays Soccer** | Has a name that is difficult to pronounce | Is an only child |
| Has a pet | WILD 1: What did you do last weekend? | Is thinking of going to college |
| Has won an award | Likes orange juice | Likes to play board games |
| Wants to take AP classes | Has a joke and can tell it now | **Wild 2: Tell about an embarrassing moment** |