

LEAN IN

CONNECTION ACTIVITY

Lean In Bingo

Overview

Lean In Bingo is an icebreaker that lets Circle members get to know one another. The goal of this activity is for members to introduce themselves to others in the Circle by quickly exchanging personal experiences and qualities. Plus, there's an element of friendly competition to motivate members to connect with as many people as they can. This activity is great for the first few Circle meetings when you are still getting to know one another, or you can play at any time as a fun addition to regular meetings.

Activity Goals

- Get to know your fellow Circle members
- Have fun!

Pre-Activity Prep

- This activity requires groups of six or more and works best with larger groups
- One member should bring pens for everyone or ask everyone to bring a pen for herself
- Remind everyone to bring a copy of this PDF

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Activity Guide

Connection Activity: Lean In Bingo

Share, connect, and grow together

🕒 Approx. 45 minutes

Step 1: Set the Stage

👥 Group activity

🕒 Approx. 10 minutes

SETUP

- You will find two bingo boards on pages 4 and 5 of this PDF. Decide which board your Circle will use.
 - » The first board focuses on Lean In–related experiences and qualities (for example, “Has mentored other women”).
 - » The second features more general experiences and qualities (for example, “Has traveled internationally this year”).
- Pick one member to be the facilitator. She will oversee play, check players’ answers at the end of each round, and determine the winners.
- Before start of play decide which board the Circle will use. Distribute boards to players. Make sure that each player has a pen.

RULES

There are three ways to play based on the level of connection your Circle wants to build.

Connection level 1: “Get to know someone”

- Pick any experience or quality on the bingo board.
- Find someone who has that experience or quality. When you do, ask her to write her name on the tile and cross it off.
- Repeat these steps until you cross off five tiles in a row—horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.
- When you do, shout “Bingo!”
- Bring your card to the facilitator, who will check your answers.

Connection level 2: “Dig a little deeper”

- Pick any experience or quality on the bingo board.
- Find someone who has that experience or quality. When you do, ask her to write her name on the tile and cross it off.
- Ask for a specific example of how she matches the experience or quality. At the end of the game, in order to win, you must be able to point to her and share this information with the group. For example: “Sarah has traveled internationally this year. She went to Brazil.” You may want to take notes on the board to help you remember.
- Repeat these steps until you cross off five tiles in a row—horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.
- When you do, shout “Bingo!”
- Bring your card to the facilitator. She will pause the play and ask you to share the information you gathered with the group.
- The group may continue playing until there are a few more winners. We recommend two or three.

Connection level 3: “Find similarities”

- Pick any experience or quality on the bingo board that you have.
- Find someone else who shares that experience or quality. When you do, ask her to write her name on the tile and cross it off.
- Remember who that person is and how she matches the experience or quality. At the end of the game, in order to win, you must be able to point to her and share this information with the group. For example: “Sarah has traveled internationally this year. She went to Brazil and Rome. I also traveled internationally this year. I went to Ghana.”
- Repeat these steps until you cross off five tiles in a row—horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.
- When you do, shout “Bingo!”
- Bring your card to the facilitator. She will pause the play and ask you to share the information you gathered with the group.
- The group may continue playing until there are a few more winners. We recommend two or three.

Step 2: Time to Play!

 Group activity

 Approx. 30-35 minutes

It's time to start! Begin the Lean In Bingo game, going through as many rounds as you can in the allotted time.

Lean In Bingo

L	E	A	N	IN
Really liked her first job	Has negotiated for a raise	Is an introvert	Can name three inspiring female leaders	Has mentored another woman
Can list three personal strengths and weaknesses	Has interrupted the interrupter	Regularly harnesses the power of peer support	Likes to give direct feedback	Has taken a career risk
Is looking for a leadership opportunity	Wants to start her own business	FREE	Has watched Sheryl's TED Talk on women leaders	Enjoys public speaking
Has read <i>Lean In</i>	Wants a promotion	Feels she has work/life balance	Practices power poses	Identifies as a feminist
Recently overcame an obstacle	Wants to improve her public speaking	Practices mindfulness	Achieved a personal goal in the past three months	Has been the captain of a team

Icebreaker Bingo

L	E	A	N	IN
Is looking for a leadership opportunity	Traveled internationally this year	Is addicted to social media	Has swum in the ocean	Speaks two or more languages
Can name three inspiring women leaders	Reads biographies	Writes a blog	Has taken a career risk	Donates to charity
Prefers tea to coffee	Played sports as a child	FREE	Has lived in three different cities	Loves dogs
Likes outdoor activities	Wants to strengthen her confidence	Believes weekends are for sleeping in	Knows how to write code	Belongs to a gym
Has watched more than two movies this month	Plays an instrument	Loves reality TV	Is a twin	Is left-handed

Congratulations
on a great meeting.