

## TOOL n°4 – Neighborhood start-up meeting with an icebreaker

**Step into the circle**: form a big circle. The facilitator makes a statement (“I have lived here for over 20 years”, “I moved to this neighborhood in the last year”, “I live alone”, ...). Everyone to whom the statement applies takes a step forward. And you all look around for a moment. Then everyone returns to the circle and the facilitator poses the next question. And so on.

**People bingo**: make a sheet with 9 or 16 characteristics or preferences. The idea is to find someone in the group to whom this theme applies and write their name. It is a simple way to start a conversation. For example:

I am a vegetarian	I have been to Asia	I can play chess	I can speak a foreign language
I have an interesting hobby	I play squash	I have learnt something new recently	I can play a musical instrument
I wear glasses	I have a pet	I like eating out	I like classical music
I like pizza hawai	I have more than 2 children	Winter is my favorite season	I have lived here for over 10 yrs

**Speed date:** Form a wheelhouse circle with an inner circle and an outer circle, both with equal numbers. The two circles face each other. This way everyone forms a pair. The facilitator asks a question that is used to initiate the conversation. For example: “what book lies on your bedside table?”, “what is your favorite TV show?”, “Who is someone you look up to?” ... The conversation only lasts for 2 minutes. Then the outer circle moves one person to the left. The facilitator asks a second question. And so on.