Missing Link

Type: _____X____ Introductory _____ Working _____ Closing _____ Game

Low Risk – Getting to know each other	Growing Risk – Personal awareness	Ending – Saying goodbye	Active Exercise – For group building and fun

Optimum Group Size: 10-400 people

Materials Needed: None

Outline of Activity:

1. Organize participants into groups of 6-12
2. Ask participants if they have stories to tell of discovering connections to people they met for the first time. (share a story of your own to encourage)
3. Explain they will now have the opportunity to discover the connections of "missing links" they have with people in the group
4. Have participants stand in a circle with their group.
5. Choose one person to begin the activity by telling something about themselves, such as places they've lived, jobs they've had, people they've known, vacations they've taken, schools they've attended, etc.
6. Tell them the first person to establish a connection with the speaker should identify themselves as the "missing link", and then move to the left of the speaker, explain their link, and then proceed to tell things about themselves until another group member makes a connection.
7. Continue the "missing link" process until all members of the group are somehow connected.

Variation: if a small group, feel free to use activity with the entire group.

Tip: if there are people who can't make a link, encourage them to feel comfortable using the meeting or workshop as their "link" with the person.

Goal:

Get acquainted, learn names

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