CONNECTION ACTIVITY

Lean In Bingo
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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Lean In partner JPMorgan Chase. This activity is based on a similar activity originally developed for their Circles.
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

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

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<td>Is looking for a leadership opportunity</td>
<td>Traveled internationally this year</td>
<td>Is addicted to social media</td>
<td>Has swum in the ocean</td>
<td>Speaks two or more languages</td>
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<td>Can name three inspiring women leaders</td>
<td>Reads biographies</td>
<td>Writes a blog</td>
<td>Has taken a career risk</td>
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<td>Prefers tea to coffee</td>
<td>Played sports as a child</td>
<td><strong>FREE</strong></td>
<td>Has lived in three different cities</td>
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<td>Likes outdoor activities</td>
<td>Wants to strengthen her confidence</td>
<td>Believes weekends are for sleeping in</td>
<td>Knows how to write code</td>
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<td>Has watched more than two movies this month</td>
<td>Plays an instrument</td>
<td>Loves reality TV</td>
<td>Is a twin</td>
<td>Is left-handed</td>
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Congratulations on a great meeting.