Wheel of Well-being

WoW Carousel

An activity from Lydia Najlepszy (WoW Advanced Practitioner, Sunshine Coast)



Overview

The aim of this activity is to get people moving, make connections and create a discussion about wellbeing. It's a brilliant icebreaker, a neat way to increase energy levels and great fun too!



Why do this?

Icebreakers help create a comfortable and welcoming environment where everyone feels more relaxed and ready to participate. They encourage interaction, build trust, and reduce anxiety, especially in new groups or learning settings. By helping people get to know each other and feel more connected, icebreakers promote collaboration, communication, and engagement.



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Instructions

1. Set up

- Make enough space for two circles one inside, one outside.
- Inside circle faces outward.
- **Outside circle** faces **inward**, so everyone has a partner.
- Partners give a **high five** to confirm they're ready.

2. Start Actvity

- The facilitator reads a sentence starter (see below).
- Each person in the pair has 45 seconds to share and respond.

3. Switch signal

figure 45 seconds, the facilitator gives a signal (e.g., ring a bell or raise a hand).

4. Rotate partners

- ② Ask the **outside circle** to point **clockwise**.
- They give their current partner a high five, then move **clockwise** a set number of people (e.g., move past 3 people, stop at the 4th).
- High five the new partner.

5. Continue

- The facilitator reads the **next sentence**.
- \bigcirc Repeat the process, changing the number of people to move each time (e.g., 1, 6, 2).

6. Switch directions halfway

😚 Halfway through, have the **inside circle** move instead — this time **anti-clockwise**.

If there's an odd number, the facilitator joins in.



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WoW Carousel Sentence Starters

Any sentence starter related to any component of the WoW circle could be used, here are a few examples:

- 0 The best part of my holiday was
- I have fun when....
- A passion/hobby of mine where time flies is....
- A place where I can recharge is....
- I am really grateful for....
- A physical activity I would like to do more of includes
- *** The most resilient person I know is....
- I contribute to others wellbeing by....
- Something I would like to learn more about is....
- A passion and strength I bring to my work is
- I will improve my wellbeing this year by