

Title	Creating a Line
Duration	10-15 minutes
Nr of participants	4+
Objectives	The aim is to create a space for the participants to get to know each other by collaborative work
Description	<p>Participants are asked to form a straight line starting from one side of the room to the other.</p> <p>The facilitator asks the participants to re-form the line according to an instruction and a time limit. For example: In 30 seconds, create a line according to your height, starting from the tallest person on the right side of the room and ending with the shortest person on the left side of the room.</p> <p>The instructions can be simple and get progressively more difficult. The important point is that the participants do this task within a time constraint.</p> <p>Once the group has formed a line, a volunteer can check if it's right and the group can have a few seconds to rearrange accordingly.</p> <p>As the group warms up and becomes efficient, the given time limit can be gradually reduced from 30 seconds to 20 - 10 - 5 seconds.</p> <p>Other sample examples: Create a line from right to left according to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the color of clothing from the darkest to the lightest eye color from darkest to lightest shoe size from largest to smallest
Variations	<p>If the room that you are working in is small, you can ask the participants to form a parallel line.</p> <p>You can do this activity in a circle as well.</p> <p>The participants can be standing or sitting down.</p> <p>The facilitator can instruct the group to perform the task in silence, in mime or in any other creative manner to up the difficulty.</p>
Evaluation and reflection	Participants are encouraged to discuss what new information they have learned about the group. By the end of this exercise, the group should know one another a little better.

Guidelines for the facilitator	This is an activity that promotes the group managing itself. You do not need to get involved in the process but you can observe how the group works together, what type of group dynamics present themselves and inform your practice accordingly.
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