



# GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS GUIDE

# Neighbours



- Neighbours Bingo is a game you can play with your neighbours in order to learn interesting facts about each other. Neighbours walk around and mingle until they find people that match the facts listed on the bingo sheet.
- This game works best with a large group of people and can be played with ages 12 and up. The materials required include: bingo sheet and pens for each person.
- The objective of this game is for neighbours to wander around and obtain the signatures of people who have the facts listed on their bingo sheet. The first person to have their entire bingo sheet signed wins!

## **Instructions:**

Pass out a bingo sheet (next page) to each person, along with a pen. Explain the objective of the game and the following rules:

- 1)** Each person you talk to may only sign your sheet once (or twice if you have a smaller group).
- 2)** To win, you must have your entire bingo sheet signed.

Feel free to create your own Bingo sheet as well!

**Let's learn more about our neighbours and what makes them unique!  
Find someone who matches the description in a square and write  
down their name!**

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Has lived in the neighbourhood for over 10 years	Youngest or oldest person you know in the neighbourhood	Has first aid training	Is a student	Been on one of the rides at West Edmonton Mall!
Has joined the neighbourhood group on Nextdoor.com	Can speak two or more languages fluently	Works from home	Has a unique hobby	Recently helped a neighbour with something
Is gifted with a special talent	Loves gardening	Add something you learned from a neighbour	Knows at least 6 neighbours by name	Has more than one pet
Has borrowed something from a neighbour	Has grandchildren	Has lived in the neighbourhood for 1 year or less	Has joined a neighbourhood group on Facebook	Runs a small business
Is regularly physically active	Has the contact information for at least 2 neighbours	Is part of a neighbourhood group	Has hosted a neighbour gathering	Loves knitting



# Block Party Favour Board

One benefit of knowing your neighbours is having the chance to swap favours and help each other out when help is needed. A way to make swapping favours easier is by having a favour board at your next block party.

## **What is a favour board?**

A place for neighbours to post favours they are offering and favours they are in need of; such as babysitting, carpooling, landscaping, cooking, etc.

## **Why should I have one?**

It gives neighbours a chance to give and receive free help, while also building friendships and developing a sense of community.

## **How can I make it happen?**

Set up a board at your block party, and ask neighbours to fill out a paper listing something they have to give and something they are in need of. Post the papers on the board for neighbours to see.

## **Suggestions of information to gather on the paper/board:**

“Something I am in need of”, “Something I can offer to others”,  
Name, House address, Email address or other contact information.

# Name Tag Ideas



- Include your house/ unit number
- Include the names of your children/  
significant other
- Include your name on your child's tag
  - Include your favourite activity
  - Include a fun fact about yourself
- Include an icebreaker question for people you  
meet to answer

**Feel free to come up with your own ways  
to use the name tags!**



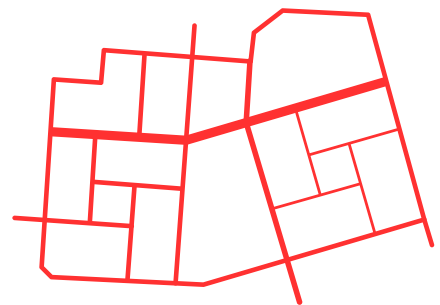
# Ice Breaker Questions

- How long have you been living in the neighbourhood?
  - What do you love about this neighbourhood?
- What is the name of an exotic country that you would like to go to for a vacation?
  - Which is the best vacation you have ever had?
- Only choose one vacation destination where would you pick and why?
  - What is your most favorite place on earth?
    - What would be your dream job?
  - What is the hardest thing you have ever done?
- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
  - What is one goal you'd like to accomplish during your lifetime?
    - Which three words would you use to describe yourself?
    - What is one thing you really like about yourself?
  - What was the best thing that happened to you this past week?
- Choose your age forever, what age would you choose and why?
  - Have 3 wishes granted, what would they be?
    - Have an endless supply of any food, what would you get?
    - Be an Olympic athlete, what sport would you compete in?
- Be in the movie of your choice, what movie would you choose and what character would you play?
  - Be someone else, who would you be?
  - Change anything about yourself, what would you change?
  - Choose an imaginary friend, who would you choose and why?
- Go back in time and change history, what would you change? Why?
  - Have any kind of pet, what would you have?
    - Learn any skill, what would it be?
  - Live anywhere in the world, where would you live?
    - Live in any period of history, when would it be?
  - Meet any historical figure, who would you choose and why?
- If you could replay a fun (or big) moment in your life, what would you choose?
  - Watch your favorite movie now, what would it be?
  - Watch your favorite TV show now, what would it be?
  - Be an animal for one day, what would you be and why?
    - Read one person's mind, whose would it be?
    - Meet a famous person, who would it be?
- What was a time when you got into big trouble with your parents?



# Map your neighbourhood!

- Use a plastic tablecloth (a tablecloth is provided in the Block Party Connection Kit) and a marker to draw a map of your block, neighbourhood, building floor, etc.
- Ask neighbours to indicate where they live (write their name on the map)  
Lead the way by writing your information first!
- Also ask neighbours if they would like to be part of a shared contact list to build supportive connections over time and for safety in the neighbourhood.
- Later share the contact list or with those who agreed to provide their contact information. A picture of the map could also be shared if desired.





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