

Four Corners

Here's another good icebreaker for the beginning of a session or as a fun way for people to get to know each other better. Four Corners (also known as Four Squares) is a simple activity in which participants share who they are through the use of hand drawn pictures. This icebreaker is for all ages, and works well with small and medium groups. It usually takes about 15 minutes, depending on how much time you want to allow for sharing the pictures. You'll need sheets of paper and writing utensils. Don't worry, no artistic skills are required for this icebreaker activity — just have fun and encourage everyone to enjoy being creative while illustrating who they are!

Setup for Four Corners

Distribute a pen and sheet of paper for each player. Each person divides the sheet into four boxes/squares either by folding the paper in half twice (vertically and horizontally) or simply by drawing a horizontal and vertical line that crosses in the middle. For each square, each person will describe themselves in the form of drawings. Choose these four topics in advance. For example, in the top left square, everyone could draw "favourite hobbies," while in the top right, people could illustrate "favourite place on earth for vacation," the bottom left could be something like "if you were an animal, which one would you be?" and the bottom right could be something like "what are the most important things in your life?" Feel free to be as creative, hypothetical, or deep as you like.

Allow five to ten minutes to draw. When everyone is finished, gather them together and share the drawings as a group. This icebreaker is an excellent way for students to show-and-tell what makes them unique!

