

**TITLE:** Assemble the Square

**IMPACT:** Builds teamwork and communication; breaks the ice in a new group

**RISK:** Low

**GROUP SIZE:** 20 or more

**TIME REQUIRED:** 10 minutes

**DIRECTIONS:**

- Divide participants into four teams.
- Each team lines up shoulder-to-shoulder on one of the sides of an imaginary square. Everyone faces the center.
- The facilitator goes into the center of the square as the spinner and stands, facing one of the teams.
- During this time, each team has to observe and remember several things: first, the order in which their team is lined up (i.e. which people are next to each other) and, second, where the team is lined up in relation to the spinner. A team can be facing the spinner; it can be to the spinner's left or right side; or it can be behind the spinner.
- Without warning the spinner spins around several times and stops (facing a different team) the spinner calls, "Assemble the Square!" The teams must quickly regroup around the spinner in their original positions: to the spinner's front, left, right, or back and in their original order within the team.
- As soon as a team is back in its original order and its original orientation to the spinner, all its members join raised hands and shout, "We're together!"

**DISCUSSION:**

- What techniques did a team use to help them be the fastest?
- Was communication between team members important? If so, how did members communicate?
- How did teams work with team members who struggled?

