



## CONVERSATION-STARTERS **SCHOOL AND WORK**

### FIRST, NEXT MEETING

Take some time at the outset to get your next meeting on your calendars—

Date:

Time:

Place:

### NOW, CONVERSATION

*The questions below are just a tool to help you get beyond small talk. Don't feel like you have to work through them all systematically.*

1. What were some of the stereotypical cliques in your high school? Which group did you belong to?
2. After high school, when you started a job, higher education, or a family, did you have to do anything to change how people thought of you?
3. Did your school experience prepare you well for your working life?
4. What is a stereotype that people have about your ethnicity that really bothers you?
5. Is it easy or difficult to talk about stereotypes with your Common Ground partner?