Conversations about race bingo

In our everyday we are confronted with all kinds of opinions about racism. Sometimes it can be hard to know how to respond. Sometimes it can be challenging or even dangerous to do so. Let's brainstorm some responses to some standard talking points about race.

On the Bingo sheet, there are 24 standard talking points. Working in groups of 3-4:

1. Discuss the talking points. Are they clear? Have you heard them said? Or maybe you have said some of them. Do they ring true?
2. Using the blank 'responses' sheet in each square write a response to each of the 24 talking points, but mix them up, putting them in different spots.

Playing the game:

With all groups back in the room, each group takes a turn to share one of their responses.

If on Zoom, anyone can use the 'raise hand' function to call out what they think is the corresponding talking point on the first Bingo sheet.

The group which has created the response, says whether they are right or wrong and explains why.

The group with the most correct matches wins the game.

Use the final moments of the session to debrief, giving participants the chance to discuss how the felt about the game whether they will use these responses in real life, etc.

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All Black people are good at sport	Colonisation was a long time ago	The job always goes to the best qualified person	I'm not racist but...	That's not what racism is
Why do they always sound so angry?	The problem is religion, not race	There are too many X in this school	Where are you really from?	I love ethnic food
We are all in this together	Why do they hate white people?	Free	Don't you feel hot in that hijab?	Reverse racism
Aboriginal people get too many hand-outs	All lives matter	They don't want to learn English	Everyone is equal	Wouldn't they be more at home in their own countries?
Get over it	Talking about race causes division	I should have the freedom to offend	It's just ignorance	Just ignore it

The Racial State bingo

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Responses

		Free		