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Philippe Dorier is young and single. He organises dating evenings, speed-dating evenings called turbo-dating here in Lyon.

Nathalie: "What kind of people use your service?"

Philippe: "Well generally it's people between 25 and 30 who are quite busy, meaning they work and they don't really have the time to meet people. And so as a result they use turbo-dating to meet lots of people quite quickly, in an evening you can meet around ten people."

Nathalie: "Is it difficult to run them?"

Philippe: "I'd say the evenings are not difficult to organise. Er, what can be difficult is finding single people."

Nathalie: "Can you tell me about the most disastrous encounter that you've seen?"

Philippe: "Well it was actually a non-encounter. This person, a guy in fact...er...came to the evening, he signed up, he took a number, we explained the rules to him, he sat down at a table, and at the moment we went to start the dating well he just completely...he said no I don't want to do it. I want to stop and I'm going. And all of a sudden he actually left the girl in front of him stranded. And he left the event without saying a word, that was it."

Nathalie: "Have you had any marriages?"

Philippe: "Well that...we don't really know what happens after [the evening]. We know that quite a few numbers are exchanged, I mean a lot of the young men and women swap telephone numbers. But we rarely find out what happens after that."