

An Inter Cultural Resource for OWW



Swapping Culture: an example of a 'getting to know each other' activity.

This was used in Worcester at the initial meeting of a new multicultural group

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Getting to know each other... (Time 15 minutes)

Pair each person up with someone they don't know. Hand them this sheet.

In your pair: spend time listening and letting each other speak. Use as many questions as you can in the time allocated to learn more about each other.

- 1. Tell your partner your name, do you like your name and who gave you your name?
- 2. Where were you born?
- 3. Where do you see yourself in 5 years' time?
- 4. What do you like most about yourself?
- 5. Do you have any religious or spiritual beliefs?
- 6. What irritates you the most?
- 7. What qualities in a person do you think make a good friend?
- 8. How would you describe your cultural background?
- 9. Do you find it challenging to talk to other people about your beliefs or culture?
- 10. As a child, what did you want to become when you grew up?
- 11. In your area of work, what gives you complete satisfaction?
- 12. What makes you laugh?
- 13. If you had the opportunity to create a diverse community group, what would it ideally look like for you?
- 14. If you had your ideal diverse group, what would you want to achieve with them?
- 15. How do you want other people to see you?
- 16. What gives you inner peace?

The Same, Similar and Different... (5 minutes)

From your discussions, take a few moments to reflect with each other what things you shared were the same, similar and different.

Introductions... (5 minutes)

Now join with another group and introduce your partner to the other pair. Were there things you learnt about each other surprising to you?

Sharing Ideas... (10 minutes)

As a group of four people, share with each why you have come today, and what would you like to take away from today. Then as a group share one thing you would want a community group, such as the one you are in today, to begin to achieve for people locally and globally.

Please prepare one person to share the group idea with the whole group.

