



# Building Peace

## Aim:

to show how groups need to compromise in order to achieve peace.

## Age:

8 years and over

## Time:

40 minutes

## Materials:

cards for each country, labels, scissors, glue, sticky tape, materials for monument (e.g. newspapers, string/wool, tinfoil, egg cartons, toilet roll holders...)

## What to do:

Form four teams. Explain that countries A, B, C and D have been at war for many years. Finally they have agreed to participate in a peace process with their former enemies. The countries have agreed to construct a monument to peace. Give each team a country card and each member of the team a label for their team initial. They have 5-10 minutes to discuss the type of monument they would like to have. The groups come together and have 20 minutes to construct their monument using the materials provided.

After 20 minutes, or when the monument is constructed, end the game and discuss the following:

What happened at first?

Was it easy to agree on a monument? Why?

How did you feel when you built the monument?

What qualities helped with promoting peace between the countries?

What qualities prevented you from working together?

Can you identify the countries?

Read out the definition of a 'good peace builder'. Ask if from their experience, there is anything they would add or take away from the definition.

## A good peace builder...

...is an effective listener

...promotes peaceful coexistence

...encourages non-violent conflict resolution

...ensures dialogue/communication

(Source: YouCan, Human Security Education Kit)

## Country Cards

### Country A

You are a proud people with a long history and rich culture. Your country is rich in raw materials that other countries covet. When people meet in your country, eye contact is avoided and physical contact is kept to a minimum. You are uncomfortable dealing with others and don't like being told what to do. In your country birds are a symbol of hope and the future.

### Country B

Your country is small and has a short history. However, what it lacks in traditions it has compensated with large engineering projects. You are a very friendly people and smile all the time. You are used to touching each other and strangers. In your country the Sun is a symbol of growth and prosperity.

### Country C

Your country is rich and prosperous. Your people are proud of their history and place in the world. You are used to taking the lead and having others follow. Others often mistake your confidence as arrogance. Your people talk very loudly and are direct in what they say. In your country trees are a symbol of life and hope.

### Country D

Your country has very fertile land and relies heavily on agriculture. There are no words for 'yes' or 'no'. You usually respond to questions with questions. Smiling is not considered appropriate, you prefer to frown. In your country crops are a symbol of peace and growth.

