

1 CLUB AUCTION

Aim

To explore the diversity of groups to which we each belong

Time

40 minutes

Materials

Copies of the South Africa Fact Sheet

Copies of the €1000 note given below (10 x €1000 per group)

What to do

- Ask participants to name different groups to which they belong and then to which other people in Ireland belong, for example: women, football teams, vegetarians, snorers, left handed people. Write the groups on a board.
- Hand out the South African Facts Sheet. Ask participants to imagine they were young people in South Africa. What groups might they belong to? Write their responses on a board.
- Ask each participant to decide which of the groups they would most like to belong to.
- Give each participant €10 000. Explain that there will be an auction in which each participant has to bid for the groups they want to belong to. Each group listed can only be sold to one person.
- Select an auctioneer who will lead the game with spirit and an assistant to gather the money from people. Let the auction begin!

Discussion Questions

- Which groups went for the highest amount, which groups did no-one buy? Why?
- How are the different groups treated by others? What contributions do they make to society?
- What are the differences between groups in Ireland and South Africa?



SOUTH AFRICAN FACT SHEET

South Africa has the largest proportion of people from white, Indian and mixed race backgrounds in Africa

Black South Africans account for slightly less than 80% of the population

The economy of South Africa is the largest in Africa

South Africa will be the host nation for the 2010 FIFA World Cup. It will be the first time the tournament is held in Africa

As in many African countries, the spread of AIDS is a serious problem in South Africa

There are over one million orphans in South Africa

The white population of South Africa descends largely from colonial immigrants: Dutch, German, French Huguenot, and British. Culturally, they are divided into the Afrikaners, who speak Afrikaans, and English-speaking groups

There is great diversity in music from South Africa. Many black musicians who sang in Afrikaans or English during apartheid have since begun to sing in traditional African languages and have developed a unique style called Kwaito. South Africa has eleven official languages and also recognises eight non-official languages.

About two-thirds of South Africans are Christian, mainly Protestant. They belong to a variety of churches, including many that combine Christian and traditional African beliefs. Traditional African beliefs are also held by non-Christians. Other significant religions are Islam, Hinduism and Judaism.