

13 MAPPING MATES

Aim

To explore some of the reasons for migration

Time

15 minutes

Materials

Copies of the map of the world

What to do:

- Divide participants into groups of three and give each group a map of the world.
- Ask participants to colour in the countries in the world to which they are linked through the movement of people, for example where they have been on holiday or where someone they know has come from.
- Ask participants to call out the countries they have coloured in and how they are linked to the countries. Write up participants' answers on a flip chart.

A further suggestion

- Make a large photocopy of the world map and stick it on the wall.
- Take a small photo of each participant and ask participants to stick their photos around the world map.
- Ask each participant to show their connection to different parts of the world, including places they have been to and places they know people from, by sticking pieces of string between their photo and those places.
- When every participant has marked their global connections on the map, see how many countries the group is connected to.

Discussion Questions

- What were the main countries that people were connected to?
- For what reasons do participants travel to other countries?
- Why did people from other counties come to Ireland?