Resource 2

Global Village Activity

Country

UK

Source

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Age group

12-16 years old

Time

20 minutes

What you need

A series of cards displaying the figures 0, 10, 20, 30, etc. up to 100.

What you do

Place the numbered cards in a straight line on the floor with about ½ metre between each (vary depending on group size). Ask participants to imagine that the world is a village of a 100 people. Their job is to guess how many of these 100 people fit the statements that you are going to read out. Once you have read out a statement e.g. "How many people are from Asia?', they need to decide what number they think this would apply to and go and stand by that number.

Facts

If the world was a village:

• The village would have 60 Asians, 14 Africans, 12 Europeans, 8 Latin Americans, 5 North Americans, and 1 person from the South Pacific

• 51 would be female, 49 would be male

• 82 would be non-white; 18 white

• 67 would be non-Christian; 33 would be Christian

• 80 would live in substandard housing

• 67 would be unable to read

• 50 would be malnourished and 1 dying of starvation

• 33 would be without access to a safe water supply

• 39 would lack access to improved sanitation

• 24 would not have any electricity (and of the 76 that do have electricity, most would only use it for light at night.)

• 7 people would have access to the Internet

• 1 would have a college education

• 1 would have HIV

• 2 would be near birth; 1 near death

• 5 would control 32% of the entire world's wealth; all 5 would be US citizens.