

Task

As soon as you are given the instruction card:

Stand up, circulate and enact the instruction with everybody in the room.

When you have finished, please sit down.

LEEDS METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY

STUDENT CONNECTIONS

DEVELOPING YOUR GLOBAL OUTLOOK

IT'S A GLOBAL THING

IT'S A LOCAL THING



Connections – Developing a Global Outlook

Bringing together diverse students through the learning experience

Staff Resource



Student Resource



"I have gained so much respect for a lot of the international students I have met during my time here."

"Nothing can be more interesting than sharing opinions for one thing from people with different cultural backgrounds."

"I can't think of a better way to challenge and improve yourself than meeting such a diversity of cultures and people."

"Hearing voices from different angles helps me understand things more deeply."

"Each new encounter made my understanding of myself and the world around me grow bigger. "

I have experienced a "Berlin" Wall of prejudices from UK students – something that everyone knows about but no-one dares to talk about because it is sort of a taboo – which in its turn results in tacit compliance and a minimum of (social) interaction between UK and international students.

Danish female undergraduate with South Korean origins – reported in UKCOSA Survey Report Broadening our Horizons 2004



“... I guess what I’m trying to say is that, ... I don’t come across people from other cultures in Leeds..., [but in Australia] it’s kind of hard not to get involved with people from other countries, because it’s ... all the international students together...”

UK undergraduate student upon return
from semester abroad in Australia, 2010



Do you think it's a GREAT THING to be studying alongside students who are DIFFERENT from you?

How good are you at speaking English with people who are/are not native speakers?

Even if you are good with words – what about how your BODY communicates?

How many students are there studying, like you, in the world today? Do you know? WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Are you happy to go through university, come out of university – and still be thinking in YOUR box, understanding the world only from YOUR perspective?

Why should you bother getting good at making connections?

