

There are so many cultures in our school, how do we include them all?

Some schools struggle to include events or posters for each cultural group. Some ways to approach this are...

- **Value difference**, give opportunities in class for each student to explore and share **their** cultural background
- To look at one culture more in depth, pick it out of a hat, or have a plan to look at others
- Make your displays about **our cultural similarities and differences** - rather than focussing on just one or two cultural groups
- If hosting events, dancing or art from different cultural groups at school events - try and have a plan so people know 'their' cultural group will also get a chance to perform
- Challenge different cultural performers (e.g. Irish and Chinese dancers) to work together to create something new - this way you are creating opportunities for creativity and intercultural learning
- Work with students (and families), who are unsure what they can offer (about their own cultural background), otherwise these groups can feel left out.
- Work with students and families - include them in helping to decide what is the fairest way - this is a good way to learn more about interculturalism.
- Interculturalism - is more than having special events or projects for each cultural group - it is about students and families from different cultural groups working together and respecting each other's beliefs and practices. This is what happens in school anyway! Create more opportunities for this to happen - it is **this process** that is important.

