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TERRA-FORMING

A group-forming exercise that can also start debates about national identity, freedoms and rights.



10-30 people



20-30 minutes



How does it work?

Split the group into smaller teams of around four to six people. Explain that they've been 'terra-forming' and created a new country. They have to come up with the following in a specified time scale:

- The name of the country
- A flag
- A national anthem (possibly sung to the tune of an existing anthem)
- Four rules of the land
- Two rules for immigration (how can others join your country - eg they have to sing your anthem)

Why do we like it?

- It's funny but it can lead into more serious debates.

What will you need?

- Paper and pens.

Developments/adaptations

- Start mixing up the groups and getting them to apply the immigration rules on each other.
- Add cultural customs like handshakes to the terra-formers.
- Add more rules to develop their societies.
- Combine the teams into one big group and ask them to repeat the exercise together.

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