

## BITE RECIPE – WHERE ON EARTH . . .

*This is a general Global Bite which creates statistics by asking people to stick spots on a map of the world to show geographic spread. It can be used on informal occasions, but to get value from it every one who has contributed should be there at the end for a debrief to see the outcome of the exercise, although useful discussion can also be generated along the way.*

### Ingredients:

- A large map of the world, preferably a Peters Projection. Choose carefully; if it is too detailed people will find it difficult to read. GLADE sometimes uses a map which is actually a length of John Lewis wipeable table cloth, with very few words on but little pictures stereotyping the various countries (which invokes a discussion in itself!)
- Make sure the map has a scale, and if not, add one.
- A detailed atlas or gazetteer. The World Guide produced by the New Internationalist is good. This supports the map use but also gives a useful range of human development statistics. It is important to use an up-to-date one.
- Various coloured spots which will show up on the map.
- You may want the means to stick the map on the wall, but often a table top is better as people can stand around it discussing.
- Up-to-date background materials relating to the question you are asking.

**Method:** length of time: 3 mins plus debrief

**Age range:** 8yrs upward

- Everyone who passes by is asked to stop briefly to stick spots on the map.
- If there are doubts about where places are etc, they are encouraged, if they have time, to look up the resources themselves.
- As the session progresses discussion will become inevitable as the spots begin to show a pattern.

**Global issues raised:** This will of course depend on the questions asked. These could include:

- ? *What countries have you visited? (Use different spots for lived there, worked there, went on holiday there)*
- ? *Where do the clothes you wear come from?*
- ? *Where has the food you have eaten today come from?*
- ? *Which three countries would you most like to visit for a holiday? Go and live in if you had to leave UK?*



**Additional resources:** This will depend on your global theme – if you are looking a food miles you might want empty food packets; if you are looking at holiday destinations you may want some holiday magazines, etc.

**Where to use this global bite:** Club session, conference break, AGM – occasions where a debrief (perhaps 5mins) at the end is possible.

**Variations on and extensions of the theme:** these are endless! Do make sure you have adequate information on your chosen theme. The map could be just one element of a larger study.