Tips for bites using quizzes, maps and photos.

Quizzes

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- Keep them short
- Multiple choice are best as ticking boxes is easier than writing answers
- Keep the font size large so that no-one needs their reading glasses
- Include a couple of jokey and/or very easy questions
- Make sure you use quizzes in a context where people can work on them in twos or threes. This will generate discussion.
- Make sure they are relevant, and that the answers you are using are up to date. (Statistical information very quickly gets out of date).
- Even for quizzes with "right" and "wrong" answers, don't wait until everyone has finished and then mark them. Half the people won't still be at the event when you give them the answers, and those who are there will have forgotten the questions. Discuss each person's answers with them as they finish – this is when discussion on the global issue will occur, not just with you but with others standing near.

Example: a coffee quiz at a coffee morning, with questions which raise fair trade issues.

Maps

Some of the map-based bites, where people stick spots on a map (for example to show where their clothes come from) are ideal for informal situations where a group of people is together for an hour or two in a social context – a youth club, an elderly people's luncheon club, a conference lunchtime etc, rather than dropping in and going away. A spotty picture will grow up which can be debriefed at the end of the event to those involved.

- Use a simple map with not too much information on it, not a detailed map with place names in minute typeface.
- Make sure you and your volunteers don't belittle anyone who doesn't know much geography.
- Have an atlas at hand to sort out any disputes. Or use a recent edition of the World Guide produced by the New Internationalist – full of detailed development information and statistics for every country in the world.
- Use a plasticised or laminated map (we use one from John Lewis which is actually tablecloth material). Then you can easily get the spots off again.
- It is often easiest to lay the map flat on the table rather than try to hang it on the wall.
 More people can pore over it.

Photos

- If possible use A4 photos two people can look at one at once, and talk.
- In displays of background material use a few to give good impact don't crowd them in. If they have people in make sure they look into the display.
- Choose photos to eliminate stereotype eg if everyone thinks all Africans live in mud huts, introduce some pictures of houses and flats.



