

GAMES

Good games can be fun, but often take a long time and need concentration which doesn't allow incidental discussion of global issues. In general games fall into three types:

- **New games developed especially for the education market.** There are many card, snakes and ladders or ludo type games which focus on global issues, but these can be trivial, and it is difficult to play and to concentrate on the issues at the same time. They can rarely be used in their off-the-shelf state.
- **Traditional games from other countries, or played world wide.** We chose mancala (known by very many different names – oware, isolu, congkak etc.) It is simple to learn but requires skill to play, it doesn't involve reading, it doesn't take too long. For informal settings such as elderly people's clubs, youth clubs etc it is ideal. Photos of people playing it all over the world give context, and appropriate choice of photos can introduce global issues.
- **Improvised games** specially devised as global bites the Water Game is an example.



SONGS AND STORYTELLING



We have used these with groups of young children to consolidate learning from global bites and perhaps we shouldn't classify them as bites in themselves. So for example our Musical Instrument making bite doesn't have much point unless you then use them – hence the story telling; In the “this is the way ...” song, learning about everyday items used in Zambia is enhanced by acting out the use of them.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

We've included a group of informal, drop-in activities for children – reading books or having them read to them at coffee mornings (which also introduces the parents to the wide range of story books with a global message), making little books for themselves, and for the very small children, colouring in – a child will be happily occupied while its parents chat, and the subject of the picture could inspire the adults to discussion of a global issue.



The Water Calculator is a different type of drop-in activity, where individuals can calculate their water usage and compare it with that of someone in poorer country. A similar “Bite” could be devised looking at a weekly food budget etc.

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