



## Why should we have a Culture Club?

There are many different types of cultures, languages and beliefs that make up a school, its local community, the UK and the world! It's important to keep challenging our own point of view by learning about other ways of thinking, communicating and expressing ourselves. By running a variety of activities, assemblies and workshops, you can raise awareness and understanding of different cultures, celebrate diversity and create a fun and inclusive school environment.

Start by forming a small 'steering group' or 'committee' of likeminded, passionate peers and asking a member of staff to support you in making strategic decisions. Try to create a team that is as diverse as possible and, if your school has Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, why not join forces!

## As a team, you can discuss and decide on:

### RESEARCH

Do you need to run a survey to better understand students and teachers at school? You might want to ask questions about the languages people speak, their favourite foods, music, or if there are any other skills or interests they would like to share or explore.

**TOP TIP:** providing a 'prefer not to say' option on your survey questions can ensure everyone feels comfortable.

### TIMINGS

How often you would like to run an event or activity? The school term can be busy for everyone, so perhaps once per term is realistic or maybe there's one week in particular that you'd like to focus your activities on. Check with a staff lead or member of the senior leadership team to ensure that your ideas can fit within the timetable. **TOP TIP:** teachers are often looking for fun things to do just before the school holidays!

### BUDGET

Is money required to run your activities? Where possible, try to use resources already available to you in school. If funds are needed, the school may be able to support financially so check with a staff lead. If not, perhaps you can organise a fundraising event, for example a henna stand, bake sale or a fun run/colour run.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

#### Who is taking responsibility for what?

Decide as a team how you will share tasks and responsibility, ensuring everyone feels supported and can ask for help. You might want to think about these three areas:

**Logistics** - finding a space and the right resources and ensuring the smooth running of the activity

**Advertising** - reaching your target audience and inviting them to your activity

**Feedback** - making sure people have the opportunity to share their thoughts and feedback on the event so you can use their comments to make the next event/activity even better!

## Activity Ideas for Culture Club

### Interfaith Assembly

Invite local faith leaders to give an online or in-person talk and create a panel of students who can ask questions and debate important issues like climate change, racism or a topic of local concern.

#### TOP TIP:

invite family members to get involved too!

### Diversity Wall

Paint or graffiti a bare wall which celebrates all diversity, different cultures and beliefs represented in your school.

#### TOP TIP:

get permission first and use environmentally-friendly paint!

### Global Citizen Breakfast

A recognition of all the different ways we can 'break' the overnight 'fast.' Work with the staff in your canteen to create a diverse menu.

### Dance Around The World

peer-led dance classes that incorporate movement and traditional dance moves from other cultures and countries. You can ask parents/carers if they have skills they can share too!

### World Music Night

a celebration of music, languages and instruments from around the world, perhaps including live performances from members of your school!

## Get creative, do some research and come up with your own ideas!

Here are some links and resources to help get you started:

The Inter Faith Network:

[www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/school-resources](http://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/school-resources)

Religious Education Council:

[www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/resources/](http://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/resources/)

BBC:

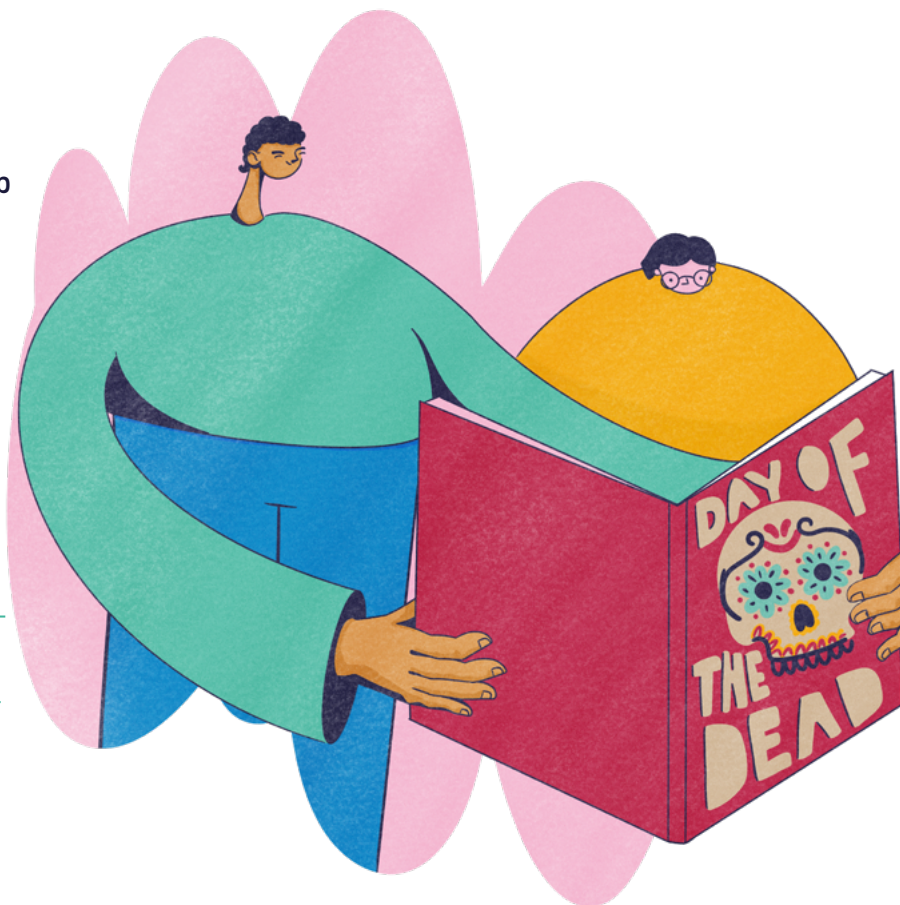
[www.bbc.co.uk/languages/learn/index.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/learn/index.shtml)

Lonely Planet:

[www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/best-dances-from-around-the-world](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/best-dances-from-around-the-world)

United Nations:

[sdgs.un.org/goals](http://sdgs.un.org/goals)



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