

EXERCISE THREE

General Good Relations Quiz

(Estimated time: one hour)

This exercise allows you to introduce the basic principles and key learning for good relations but in a fun way with a quiz and discussion amongst volunteers. The quiz covers all aspects of good relations – the three categories from section 75(2): different political, religious and ethnic backgrounds.

In this section we provide a quiz with 15 questions and answers. We outline some questions you can pose after each question and discussion points that are important in considering good relations issues.

You may manage the quiz whatever way you think appropriate for your volunteers. We suggest:

- 1** Split your group of volunteers into teams of four or so. Try to get reasonable background balance in the teams. Ask them to give their team a name.
- 2** Make sure each team either has a blank sheet of paper so that you can read out the questions and answers in turn, or photocopy and provide each team with the quiz sheet attached.
- 3** There are 15 questions so we suggest giving each team approximately one minute per question to discuss and come up with their agreed answer. There should be no conferring between one team and another, just within the same team.
- 4** Ask the team to swap pages so that they do not mark their own scores.
- 5** After each answer is given ask volunteers why they answered as they did, whether right or wrong, and use the questions supplied to ask them about the issue or discuss it.
- 6** At the end of the session, you may have some sweets to give to the winning team. If you can, put up our concluding slide or give it as a hand-out as key lesson reminder.



GENERAL GOOD RELATIONS QUIZ

No.	Question	Options	Tick?
1	What is the main day of worship for a Muslim?	A) Thursday B) Friday C) Saturday D) Sunday	
2	Alan Turing was gay, one of the main scientists in Bletchley Park decoding Nazi communications during World War II and is credited with helping to build the first ever computer. What happened to him?	A) He went on to help set up Microsoft and became the first openly gay CEO of a FTSE 100 company B) He was prosecuted for gross indecency in 1952, undertook chemical castration treatment, and probably committed suicide in 1954, at age 41 C) He won a Victory Cross for single-handedly fighting off 12 Nazi paratroopers who tried to steal the Enigma machine D) He had a breakdown and tried to assassinate Prime Minister Winston Churchill during a visit to Bletchley Park in 1944	
3	Across the world what percentage of Travellers and Romani live in houses?	A) 90% B) 70% C) 35% D) 15%	
4	Many tunes played by Loyalist flute bands have the same melodies as traditional Irish music?	A) True B) False	
5	What happened when Monake, grandson of Genghis Khan, organised a debate between Christians, Muslims and Buddhists in 1254?	A) They ended up fighting each other B) The Christians and Muslims all became Buddhists C) Monake had them all beheaded D) They refused to talk to each other, then sang at each other, then got drunk together	

6	What animal do Hindus believe is special?	A) Cow B) Pig C) Horse D) Snake	
7	Roughly as many Protestants as Catholics died in the Troubles in Northern Ireland?	A) True B) False	
8	In Jerusalem what has a Muslim family done each morning since 1187?	A) Washed the feet of pilgrims B) Used a key to unlock the Christian Church of the Holy Sepulchre C) Raised an Israeli flag D) Prayed for peace and inter-faith understanding	
9	In what decade were Romani women last forced to be sterilised in Czechoslovakia?	A) 1860s B) 1910s C) 1940s D) 1980s	
10	How much more or less likely is a child to experience violence if they have a disability compared to a child without a disability?	A) X2 less likely B) The same C) X3 more likely D) X10 more likely	
11	Why did Vladimir the Great make Russia Christian rather than Muslim in the 10th century?	A) His mother told him B) Peter was his favourite name C) He liked alcohol D) The Pope was his cousin	
12	Which of these statements IS true?	A) All Arabs are Muslim B) All Irish people are Protestant or Catholic C) Christians wrote the Old Testament of the Bible D) The Qur'an recognises Jesus as a major Prophet	

13	How many Travellers are thought to be in Northern Ireland?	A) 1,000 B) 10,000 C) 25,000 D) 75,000	
14	The letters “Bally” in place names means town (baile). Ballycastle, for example, means town of the castle and Ballygowan near Belfast means McGowan’s town – McGowan must have been a local landowner. What does Ballymena mean?	A) The town of men B) The town in the middle C) The town that is best D) The town in the mountain	
15	What religion was Jesus?	A) Christian B) Muslim C) Jewish D) No particular religion	

ANSWERS – GENERAL GOOD RELATIONS QUIZ

These are also suggested discussion points that are detailed further in the main education guide.

Question	Options
1	B – up to five times on a Friday with the main prayer session at lunchtime. Muslims need to face Mecca and have clean facilities. Why is that? What are the worship days for other faiths and how might worshipping on those days affect peoples' lives?
2	B – Alan Turing likely committed suicide with cyanide because of his treatment when he was just 41 years old. He had been chemically castrated because “gross indecency” was then a criminal offence. Ask and discuss whether his treatment was fair and what he might have achieved if he lived to be an average age?
3	A – Most (90%) Travellers and Romani now live in houses which is a great sacrifice for many of them. Why would that be a sacrifice? What do they think are the advantages and disadvantages of living in houses? Will their culture disappear?
4	True – Much of the music has similar roots. Does anyone know people who play traditional Irish music or play in a flute band?
5	D – After they got talking and built a relationship, they realised that despite their differences they had much more in common as human beings. They became friends and eventually agreed to disagree peacefully.
6	A – you may explore why that is and what animals are regarded in particular ways by other faiths.
7	True – Over 3,500 people died in the conflict in Northern Ireland, around 1,500 Catholic, 1,250 Protestant and nearly 700 from outside Northern Ireland. Around half of victims were civilians, not involved in the security services or armed groups.

8	B – you may discuss why the Abrahamic faiths (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) all regard Jerusalem as a sacred place, what the faiths have in common, and why people respect different faith traditions in their history or even why Jerusalem and Israel have evolved since Jesus' time
9	D – It is hard to believe women of any background were forcibly sterilised right up to the 1980s but that is what happened to some Romani women. What do you think the effect was on the Romani community?
10	C – People with disabilities, including children, are much more likely to be the victim of a physical attack. You might discuss why that is?
11	C – The Muslim faith forbade alcohol consumption because they believed it made people intemperate. Vladimir the Great did not think it suited the Russian population. What do you think of a religion that encourages people not to drink alcohol? Are there other faiths than Islam that do? Are there parts of the world where Muslims can drink alcohol?
12	D – Jesus is mentioned in the Qur'an more often than any other prophet except Muhammed. He is respected as a major prophet but not as the son of God. Is this a surprise and why?
13	A – Just 1,000 though Traveller organisations think it closer to 10,000. Why would the Traveller community numbers be under-estimated? Do people know of any Travellers?
14	B – Many townland or other names are originally Irish such as Ballymena and Ballycastle. Can you think of other ways in which the Irish language is used today?
15	C – Jesus was actually Jewish. Regarded by his followers as the son of God, Christianity grew as a faith after Jesus died. The Old Testament was Jewish scripture.

DISCUSSION WORKSHEET – GENERAL GOOD RELATIONS QUIZ:

Theme	Lines of Reflection
Respect	In order to genuinely respect people from other backgrounds it is useful to properly understand more about their culture, traditions and beliefs. Often, they are not too different from our own. As human beings, regardless of our background or beliefs, we often have the same concerns, fears and needs.
Positive Relations	When people develop a relationship with others, they often get rid of misjudged and misplaced bigotry or prejudice, sometimes caused by a simple lack of understanding. There are many examples of people from different faith backgrounds working together with genuineness without the cooperation affecting or diluting their own faith or beliefs. Some extraordinary examples of relationship development are included in the quiz, some are remarkable and some funny. Can you think of other examples when people from different backgrounds constructively work together?
Accepting Difference	Many people of different faith backgrounds make really positive contributions to Northern Ireland and to the communities within which they live. There are common threads of compassion across all faiths because the issues that unite people are greater than those that divide. Difference is fascinating and it enriches.