

# Icebreaker: Web of Connections

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## Activity Summary

This icebreaker helps young people recognize the connections between their own lives to our global community.

## Materials Needed

- Ball of yarn

## Procedure

Have participants sit in a circle. Explain that each person in the circle will be asked to share his/her name as well as a connection they have to another place in the world. Encourage them to think about their ancestors and where they came from, relatives living abroad, food they eat that originates in other countries, possessions that were made in another country, music or television that is produced outside the U.S., or any other connection they can make to people and places beyond the United States. Give them some time and encourage creativity (e.g., even the air we breathe was somewhere else on the globe at one time or another).

Once everyone is comfortable with the assignment, the leader begins by stating his/her name and world connection. The leader then holds onto the end of the yarn and tosses the ball of yarn to someone across the circle. That person catches the ball, states his/her name and connection, holds a point on the yarn and tosses the ball to someone else. The tossing and naming continue until everyone has had a turn and each person is holding onto a point of the yarn.

All group members will then be connected to one another in a web, a visual representation of the interrelationships that exist among all people. Once everyone is part of the web, have each person quickly call out his/her world connection once again.