

## Map your community's cultural groups and diversity-serving organizations

This exercise will help you to see how many cultures, subcultures, and diversity-serving organizations you have in your local community. It also shows the intersections between these community groups and organizations.

This can be a great activity to do with others in your organization or on your own. You can spend a few minutes just by reading through this sheet, or you can work through all the steps as a deeper activity for yourself or your group.

**Goal:** List and find the links between the cultural groups and diversity-serving organizations in your community

**Outcome:** Reflect on your place in your community and find opportunities for new connections

**Supplies:** Whiteboard, poster board or large paper, markers, pens, round stickers in different colours

**Time:** up to 45 minutes

1. *Lists:* make a list on large paper (or poster board or whiteboard) of all the cultural groups and diversity-serving organizations you can think of in your community. Place a round sticker or dot beside the groups you see yourself belonging to. If multiple people are participating, each should use a different colour.
2. *Mapping links:* Construct 'maps' by placing a circle around each of the groups and organizations, and then draw links between the groups with words or images that depict the nature of the relationship. For example an organization that works with people who have recently immigrated could be linked to a cultural festival. This can be done as an extension of the above activity or as a separate exercise.
3. *Optional add-on - Symbols:* Place symbols, words or pictures on the map that to you, best sum up each of the groups and organizations.

