

This activity helps make connections between peace and other global issues which might appear, at first glance, unrelated.

Prepare

Put seven chairs ('bases') in a circle. Label each with a sign as to what it represents. **Natural Resources, Climate Change, Poverty, War, Gender, Military Spending, Refugees** and **The Arms Trade** are possibilities. You may think of others.

You will also need:

7 balls of different coloured wool - each colour tied to a different base, strips of paper and pens, 7 copies of the Headlines sheet:

www.paxchristi.org.uk/elements

Activity

Ask the young people to form 7 groups and gather at a base.

Give them a few minutes to think about how their base is connected or linked to the other bases. Looking at the Headlines sheet might help here.

Write this link down briefly and send an 'ambassador' to that other base with the link. He or she will also take the ball of wool and wind it round the chair leg of the other base (at ground level for safety). Allow this to continue for about ten minutes.

What do we see in the centre of the chairs?

Reflect

'Peace is the fruit of anxious daily care to see that everyone lives in justice as God intends.' (Pope Paul VI)

How do our lives connect with the issues in this activity?
What can we change in our lives to help ensure that everyone can share God's peace and justice?

Joined-Up Thinking

Find out more of the connections within Catholic Social Teaching at www.catholicsocialteaching.org.uk