

# 15 GET PACKING!

## Aim

To explore the difficult decisions faced by people seeking asylum and to encourage empathy with them.

## Time

30 minutes

## Materials

Pieces of paper or card, colouring pens or pencils, glue.

## What to do

- Tell participants that there has been massive floods across Ireland and that they have to leave the country as soon as possible. Tell them they can each take just five things.
- Ask each participant to create a suitcase by sticking a handle onto a piece of card or paper. Ask them to draw the five things that they would pack to take with them in the suitcase. Ask them to stick a label onto the suitcase with their name and the country they would choose to escape to written on it.
- Divide participants into teams of four. Tell them that there is very little room on the boat and that each group can only take five items altogether. In their teams ask participants to choose from their individual suit cases which five items they will take.
- Bring participants back together and ask each team which items they chose, where they decided to escape to and the reasons for their decisions.
- Ask the group who in real life has to make these kinds of decisions. How would they feel arriving somewhere like Ireland?