

# Just Systems



**AIM** | To highlight how people around the world are inter-connected and inter-dependant.

**Time** | 30 Minutes

**Material** | Copy of the roles (cut out) and one full photocopied list, Ball of string.

## What to do

Ask for two volunteers. Tell them to leave the room and wait outside until you call them. Give each person a role card; ask them to keep theirs a secret. Ask everyone in the room to silently choose two other people, try to avoid best friends. Explain that when you say GO, they have to always be halfway between these two people. When they have begun, invite the two volunteers back into the room. Ask them if they can understand what's going on? Can they figure out what the rules are?

Give the two volunteers the list of roles. Tell the group to freeze. Ask one of the volunteers to choose a role and ask the person with that card to sit down where they are. The facilitator then asks everyone who was connected to them to sit down. Ask everyone connected to this person to also sit, and so on. When everyone is sitting, ask the other volunteer to choose another role, tell this person to stand up. Continue as before until everyone is standing again.

Get everyone to reveal their roles by saying who they represent.

Give the volunteers the roles “developing countries” and “developed countries”

In a circle get a person to pass a ball of string to another person, holding the end of the string as they throw. Ask the group to pick a justice issue which links the two roles. Continue passing the string and making the justice connections between roles until everyone is connected, including the developed/developing world roles.

## Debrief

Did anything surprise you about this activity? Was it hard to come up with justice connections? What other connections could you see? Why do these justice issues exist in the world? Do they affect the rich world or the poor world the most? Can you think of one justice issue which you could help to prevent?

## Role cards

Women	Young People	Food	Electricity	War
Disease	Drugs	Poverty	Water	Oil
Money	Banks	Politician	Police	Crime
Famine	Climate Change	Drought	Nature	Trade

## Note to leader

When the group first starts milling about you can introduce variations such as speed up/hop on one leg/walk like a crab etc. As they move between their two chosen people.

Adapted from Joanna Macy and Molly Brown's systems exercise in "Coming Back to Life"