

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Understanding the Orange Order

A Good Relations Workbook for Key Stage 3



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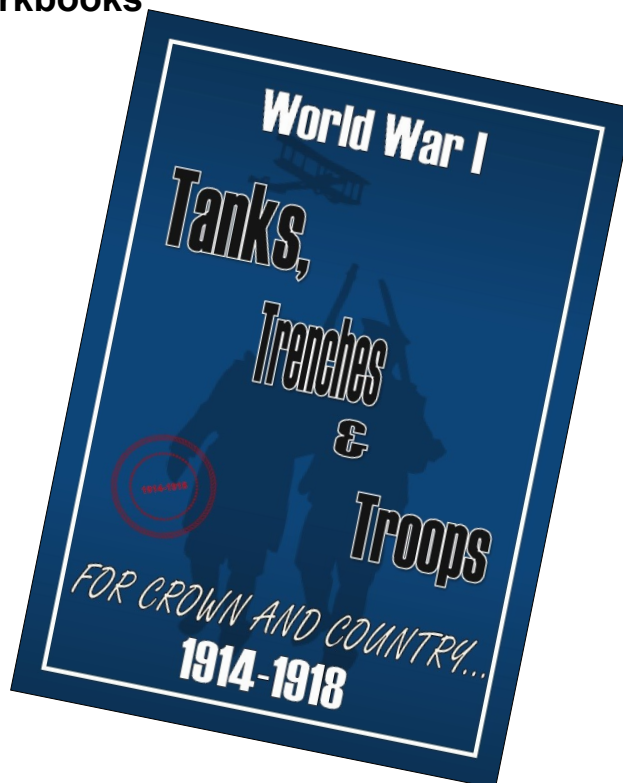
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Opening Doors to Better Community Relations



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Hi there.

I'm Diamond Dan the Orangeman, named after the famous Dan Winter one of the founders of the Orange Order in 1795.

I want to introduce you to the 'Through the Keyhole' good relations programme.

This project is about helping you to understand the Orange culture, heritage and identity throughout the world ,as well as exploring other identities around us in our world.

As I try to guide you through this booklet, I want to help you explore who you are by identifying your unique identity as well as helping you to realise the diversity of our modern society.

Whenever you see me in this booklet, I will be asking you to think or make you do certain tasks. So watch out!



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Community relations work is based on 3 main principles:

- Equity
- Respect for Diversity
- Interdependence



WHAT DO THESE MEAN?

Insert the words from above into the appropriate blank spaces below.

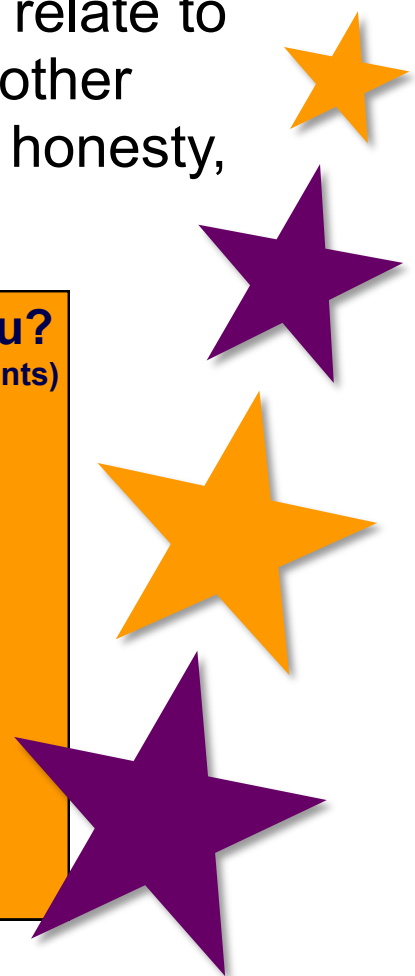
- _____ for Diversity means respect for difference
- _____ means how we relate to each other, and rely or trust in each other
- _____ means fair play, honesty, fairness or fair-mindedness

What does community relations mean to you?

(List 3 or 4 points)



Think & Discuss



DISCUSSION TIME...

QUOTES

What do you think of these quotes?

**"We all live with the objective of being happy;
our lives are all different and yet the same."**

"Diversity: the art of thinking independently together."

**"You are responsible for what you
say, but also for what you do not
say."**

**"We keep moving forward, opening new
doors and doing new things,
because we're curious and curiosity keeps
leading us down new paths"**

**"Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather
to make man a more clever devil."**



Think & Discuss



CULTURAL TRADITIONS



Can you write down some other cultural traditions for these nationalities?

BRITISH

IRISH

INDIAN

POLISH

CHINESE

Examples might include..

What Sport?
What Food?
What Music?
What Religion?



IDENTITY



What is a Pigeon Hole?

To pigeon-hole someone or something means to decide that they belong to a particular class or category, often without considering all their qualities or characteristics.

Ask Yourself...

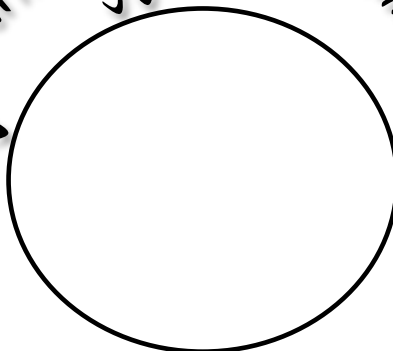
- Have you ever 'pigeon holed' someone else?
- Have you ever felt 'pigeon holed' by another person?
- Do you want others to pigeon hole you?
- Is it respectful to 'pigeon hole' someone?

Can you describe yourself in a tiny small circle like this?



Think & Discuss

Try describing yourself in this circle...



CULTURAL TRADITIONS

Think about the
things that make up
your identity and fill
them into the
circles!

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

REMEMBER

- Your identity is important!
- Your identity is what makes you YOU!
- Respect other's identities!



Can the
Orange Order
be described
in this small
circle?



Has 1138
Orange Lodges

Has members
in 9 different
countries

Formed
in
1795

Has Lodges in
13 counties



The Orange Order has centuries of history and continues to build upon it. It would take thousands of circles to describe the Orange Order.

The Orange Order celebrates their history and culture each 12th July. Men, women and children join lodges and meet up and walk through many towns and villages in Northern Ireland.





THE ORANGE ORDER

What is a Lodge?

A _____ is the name given to a _____ of people who walk behind _____ and _____ on 12th _____. Each lodge has a different _____ and number to help _____ who they are and where they belong.

What does a Lodge do?

The Lodge would meet up very often to _____ things of interest to them. They would also organise _____ out, they meet up to _____ their _____, renew friendships and organise _____ events to help raise _____ for _____.

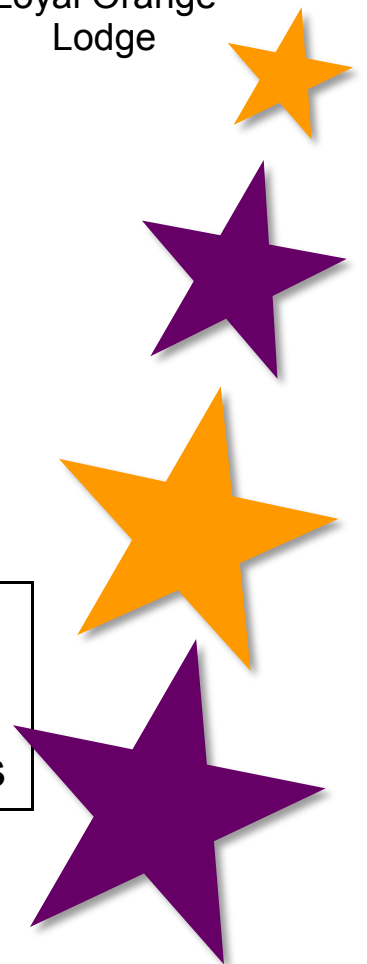
Each Lodge has a different number and name to identify it



L.O.L stands for
Loyal Orange
Lodge

Missing Words Box

group	July	march	lodge	identify
band	family	name	culture	discuss
celebrate	nights	fundraising	money	charities



PARADES

The tradition of parading, is a fundamental part of the Orange tradition. Parading is the most public activity undertaken by the Orange Order.

The first Orange parade took place not long after the formation of the Institution. In July 1796 Lord Gosford recorded the scene on his estate as Orangemen filed past;

“They....came here about five o’clock in the evening marching in regular files of two and two with orange cockades, unarmed, and by companies which were distinguished by numbers upon their flags. The party had one drum and each company had a fife and two or three men in front with painted wands in their hands who acted as commanders...The devices on the flags were chiefly portraits of King William with mottos alluding to the establishment of the Protestant religion...”

Hundreds of Orange Order parades take place in Northern Ireland and the border counties of the Republic of Ireland each year. The vast majority of these are to Church services.

The vast majority of these public celebrations take place without problems. There are, however, a small number of areas where issues have arisen between Orangemen and local residents. These disputes are often a result of the failure to resolve ‘**competing rights**’.

What is the meaning of competing rights?

The Orange View: Orangemen view parading as the traditional way in which they express their Faith and Cultural Heritage.

Opponents View: Some opponents of Orange parades argue that they are triumphalist and should only take place in Protestant areas.



The issue is a very complex and sensitive one.

Q. How do you think the issue of parades and protests could be resolved?



Think & Discuss

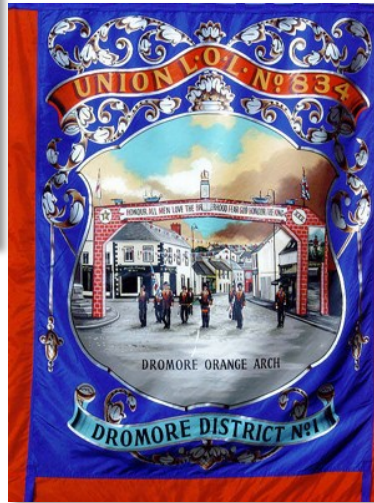
Did You know? – Parading is not unique to the Orange Order. Many organisations have parades or processions as a way of publically celebrating their identity, faith and heritage.

BANNERS AND FLAGS

When the Orange Order walks on the 12th July, they carry flags and banners. The banners are made from silk and a picture is painted onto them.

The banners represent a proud representation of the history of the Orange Order during parades.

The banners can have many different pictures painted on them. Popular choices are pictures of King William III or famous battles such as the Battle of the Boyne.



The red and white represent the St. George's cross.

The orange came from William III who was known as the 'Prince of Orange'. This was originally associated with the 'Principality of Orange', a place in southern France.



The purple star represents the 'Williamite forces'. It was originally black, however it was changed as purple is a key colour within the Orange Order.



FACTS AND FICTION

Write down some facts about the Orange Order in the first box. In the bottom box, write down some perceptions people may have about the Orange Order.

Facts
about the Orange Order

A fact is a thing that is known or proved to be true.

Perceptions
of the Orange Order

A perception is a belief or opinion, often held by many people and based on how things seem.



Respect

THINK!
DISCUSS!!!

Why should we respect each other?

What happens if we don't respect each other?

How do we respect each other?

What should you do if you see
someone not respecting
someone else?



Think & Discuss



DESIGN YOUR OWN SUPERHERO



Who is the Super Hero in your life?

It could be a pop star, a footballer, actor, or an actress. Or it may even be a family member or friend who has made an outstanding impact on your life.

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