

Cultural Diversity

Class Discussion

With a partner, ideally someone from the same country as you, prepare information for a class discussion on the topic of cultural differences or diversity.

In your country of birth, at what age do people.....?

- Start school _____
- Leave school _____
- Work _____
- Date/get married _____
- Have children _____
- Retire _____

What aspect(s) of the culture of the country where you were reared do you continue to apply in your life here in Ireland?

- Language
- Festivals and celebrations
- Clothes
- Food
- Symbols/emoblems
- Music/dance
- Books/ literature
- Leisure activities

Does the government in every country provide these services for the people?

- Health
- Education
- Social welfare e.g. unemployment, pensions, children's allowance

Discussion Topics:

- Customs and traditions are broadly similar all over the world.
Agree/Disagree?
- It is very difficult to get used to Irish culture and traditions.
Agree/Disagree?
- Women should not work when their children are young
Agree/Disagree?
- The Irish state is very generous in its provision of health care, social welfare, education.
Agree/Disagree?

Writing Task

Consider the differences between Irish culture and traditions and your own with regard to the following:

- Education/training
- Music/Dance
- Art and Literature
- Films and television
- Rearing children
- Work ethic
- Leisure activities
- Religion
- Marriage
- Housing/accommodation

Select the **two** aspects where you have observed the greatest differences and write an account outlining the differences you have noted.

