

IMPERFECT WORLD

Station cards

Station 1: LEAVING HOME

You are a family in the state of Pará in Brazil. You have lived in this rural area for generations. However, you have been pushed out of your land so it can be farmed for cash-crops for export. You leave everything you know and only take what you can carry. You have decided to move to São Paulo. You have a long journey. Only one person in your family can carry your possessions on the journey. Which ones will you take? Which will you leave behind?



Your challenge:

Discuss and decide which 'possessions' to take with you. The person carrying them must carry them for 10 metres. Any that you drop must be left behind.

Debrief:

Was the choice hard or easy? Which items would be most practical on a long journey? How did you decide what to take?

Station 2: BUILD A SHELTER

You have arrived at the city – there are tall skyscrapers, shopping malls, *favelas*, lots of traffic and millions of people. How do you feel about being here? You decide you need to set up a home, but do not have enough money to rent an apartment. You have some family in Eletropaulo *favela* so decide to build a home near them.



Your challenge:

You have five minutes to create a home using the materials that you can find. All your family must be able to fit in your home!

Debrief:

How do you all feel about now being in the city? What else do you need to create a home? What challenges do you face?

Station 3: DISCRIMINATION

Divide your small group into two. One is the family from the *favela* that you are representing (team one). The other is a group from the rest of the city (team two). Some people do not like people who live in *favelas*. Those from *favelas* can face prejudice and discrimination. For example, others can assume they are uneducated, dishonest, come from a gang or steal. This can make it harder for them to get jobs, or means that those in authority will not listen to them. It can mean working harder and facing obstacles when you are trying to achieve the same as others.



Your challenge:

Throw the ball or balloon into the hoop/target. Each team has five attempts. Team one should throw the balloon. Team two should throw the ball. The team that wins get a prize!

Debrief:

How did having a ball/balloon make you feel? What if the discrimination was about something more serious, for example, whether you got a job, or were allowed to go to school? What could the person/family you are representing do to stop the discrimination?

Station 4: WORK

Often people who live in *favelas* have jobs in the informal sector. This means these are jobs that are not monitored by the government. People who work in the informal sector often have a low standard of living. They do not have the security of pensions, sick pay or health care. Some jobs in the informal sector include recycling, repairing goods or making or selling food.



Your challenge:

Using the materials provided, make an object to sell. Attempt to sell it to one of your leaders.

Debrief:

What skills did you need to use? Was it easy to sell? What will you spend your earnings on?