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Crossing the Divides

In these times of mass migration people from far and wide are moving to new countries, facing new challenges and overcoming great obstacles in order to integrate into their new society. Host countries and migrant populations are all looking for ways to communicate and understand each other. This is not always an easy process. Learning the language of your new country is always the best way to start integrating, but language is not necessarily enough. The host country has a part to play in being empathetic to those who arrive at its border. It is a two-way process.

Re.Mint (Refugees and Migrant Inclusion Toolkit) is a project, financed by the EU programme Erasmus Plus KA2, designed to help us along this road. It has been devised by organisations from five countries, Greece, Italy, Spain, Sweden and the UK with the idea that it can be used in any language. Not only can these lessons help with language learning, they are also designed to encourage self-reflection, team building, empathy with unknown cultures and practical independence. Almost more importantly, they are fun and thought provoking. The lessons can be used in language classes to help newcomers with integration issues, but many of them could just as easily be used in schools, or other educational establishments within the host countries, to encourage reflection on the difficulties facing migrants on a daily basis or experience what it's like to interact with cultures other than your own.

The will to foster empathy and understanding between cultures is at the heart of the toolkit. It can be used as a supplement to language, social integration or cross-cultural courses. All of the lessons are stand alone and easily adaptable to a teacher's needs and time constraints. The Re.Mint Toolkit will be available from October 2019.

Before its final release, CLP in collaboration with *The Welcoming* will present the Re.Mint Toolkit and a selected teaching method to educators and professionals working with Adult learners, along with a presentation of the Erasmus+ project “*Re.Inclusion. Guidelines for the work inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers*”. This will take place on the 23rd of August from 1.30 – 5pm at DeafAction Organisation, 49 Albany Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3QY

If you are interested in participating in this event or for more information on these projects, please contact CLP at: studies@clp-edu.uk