

# **Back support**

Stepping Stones	: Teambuilding & Empowerment; Body, Movement and Senses
Materials	: incl. materials
Type of exercise	: written
Duration exercise	: 30 min.

# Objectives

The learner can give and receive compliments.

#### Materials

- Paper and pens
- Cardboard plates
- Glue and strong tape

## Preparation

Glue a sheet of paper on every plate.

## Instructions

- Sit in a circle.
- Start giving compliments to each learner.
- Explain and discuss what a compliment is. How does it make you feel? Do you like receiving a compliment? Do you compliment easily? On what do you compliment?
- Ask for and teach words and ways to formulate a compliment.
- Ask the learners to tape the plates to each other's back.
- Let them walk around in the classroom.
- On a sign of you, the learners form pairs and write a compliment on each other's plate.
- Each learner should receive a compliment from all the others.
- Let each learner read the compliments they have received, aloud.
- Write well written compliments on the board.

# Variant

• You can have the group discussion on compliments after the exercise.

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# Tips for the instructor

- In case of an odd number of participants, you can join in or have one trio.
- Take pictures of each plates and send them to the learners via WhatsApp.

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Language skills / Linguistic performance

- Reading
- Writing

#### Linguistic competence/knowledge

- Vocabulary
- Spelling
- Sentence construction
- Oral language skills

#### Social-emotional skills and competences

- Communication skills
- Cultural awareness, expression and identity formation
- Empowerment
- Fun

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