

# NORTHERN IRELAND

## Global Leaders Project

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# What was the goal of the project?

**‘To Nurture the construction of knowledgeable, confident staff in pre-school settings who can support and develop an environment where children feel valued as individuals and as members of their own, and the various cultural groups within which they live.’**

# What steps we took. How we implemented the project?

- **Develop a questionnaire for practitioners and an interview format for families / representatives of a variety of minority groups.**
- **Provide children with the opportunity to express their feelings and views.**
- **Source information from existing groups who represent minority ethnic groups in Northern Ireland.**
- **These methods will give us both quantitative and qualitative data with which to determine the opinions of the participants with regards to the effective inclusion of minority ethnic groups.**
- **It is also vital to gain permission from the relevant gatekeepers**

# What happened as a result of the project?

- **The development of a book to support early year's practitioners working with families and children from various cultural and religious backgrounds.**

## **Contents:**

- **Information on different religious groups.**
- **Information on different minority ethnic groups.**
- **Information on the two traditional cultures in Northern Ireland.**

# Lessons learned.

## **What worked?**

- Questionnaires
- Interviews

## **What were the challenges?**

- Time
- Access to parents
- Translations
- Contact with minority ethnic groups

## **What would we do differently?**

- Time

