





- Describe the pictures. What do they have in common? What are the differences between them?
- Each of these pictures shows a situation where people from different social groups come together. What are the benefits of each situation? What issues might it raise?
- Do you have personal experience with any of the situations shown in the pictures? Talk about it.

TOPIC CARD

Society: Communities and Engagement

DISCUSSION

How socially diverse is the area where you live? What different communities and groups do you know? What opportunities are there for different groups to meet, and how do they mix?

How does social diversity affect life and work? Have you ever experienced or witnessed prejudice against any people in your area (because of their ethnicity, age, non-conformity, social status, etc.)? How did you feel about it?

Do you know of any programmes, policies or campaigns designed to support particular communities in your area? What do you think about them? What would you change about them? Do you know any public events, festivals, or campaigns that support inclusion? Do you think they work?

JUST IMAGINE

As part of a school project, you are going to work with a local community centre to support the inclusion of a disadvantaged or excluded group in your community. Who would you like to work with? What activities would you include? What would you expect to learn from such an experience? How could it enrich your community?

DATA MINER

5.1% of people living in the EU were born in a non-EU country. In Czechia the figure is **3.1%**, and in Slovakia **0.9%**.

Around **20%** of people in the EU take part in community-based voluntary activities at least once a year.

Around **13%** of EU citizens have some active involvement with political parties or campaigns. In Czechia, this figure is **4.2%**; in Slovakia, **2.8%**.

Source: Eurostat

QUOTES

"A diverse mix of voices leads to better discussions, decisions, and outcomes for everyone."
Sundar Pichai
businessman

"Diversity is the mix. Inclusion is making the mix work."
Andres Tapia
political consultant

"I'm all for diversity – but diversity for deserving people."
Lubna Olayan
businesswoman

WORD BANK

community / social work / to volunteer / to help out / community centre / organisation / social care / service / hospitality / non-profit organisation / programme / government / project / activities / assistant / to assist / inclusion / exclusion / (ethnic) minority / person of colour / variety / disadvantage / handicapped / disabled / opportunities / to overcome / to depend on / acceptance / to support / to offer support / to enable / to empower / to trust / prejudice / expectation / to underestimate / to connect / to apply / to reward / satisfaction / experience / to benefit / to influence / condition / race / origin / religion / ageism / retirement home / homelessness / learning issues / dysfunctional / divorced / violence / poverty / psychological / difficulty / self-esteem / confidence / to give a chance / to gain / access to / to educate / to tolerate / intolerance / political correctness / homophobia / transphobia / misogyny / racism / islamophobia / anti-Semitism / diversity quotas / representativeness / identity