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## ***At the kindergarten - Intercultural awareness and understanding***

### **ACTIVITY 2: BUILDING BRIDGES: CONNECTING THE NEW WITH THE FAMILIAR**

Objectives/ aims of activity (children will be able to):

- Develop intercultural awareness by sharing personal stories linked to artefacts that are meaningful across cultures
- Build bridges and overcome new or unknown situations

Activity steps

- 1) The teacher asks children who wish to, to present their comfort toy (e.g., “Doudou”, teddy bear, stuffed animal) and stimulates discussion by asking questions such as: What is its name? What special things can it do? Why does it make a particular child happy? Where does it come from (if known)?
- 2) Game “Whose cuddly toy is it”? All “Doudou” are placed under a large cloth. One child at a time draws a “Doudou” and returns it to its owner by commenting or asking questions.
- 3) The teacher asks children to imagine Bobba’s cuddly toy and describe its special characteristics (What special things can it do? What is its name? Why does it make him happy?). The teacher draws it.
- 4) Children draw or construct Bobba’s cuddly toy.

Resources needed to carry out the activity

- Cuddly toys (e.g. comfort toy, dummy, stuffed animal)
- Cloth

Approximative time indication for activity: please adapt to child and activity