



# Flavours of the World

## Cross-cultural engagement by sharing a meal

### Description

A group from diverse cultural backgrounds including people seeking asylum and refugees cook their traditional dishes and share their story and culture to local Mission Expressions.

The local Mission Expression reimburse people for cost associated with food provision.

### Goals

To establish connection and create a welcoming environment between local Mission Expressions and its members with people from culturally diverse backgrounds already attending the Expression's activities or in the community.

### Steps

#### 1. Planning

Discuss this initiative with your leadership team and plan for details such as budget, lead person, time and place, frequency.

#### 2. Get the Church involved

Inspire your congregation to get involved. Active participation from the Expression members is essential for success and sustainability of this initiative.

#### 3. Contact Diversity and Inclusion Team in your State

The D & I Team is available to provide for input, training and on the ground support.

#### 4. Find your group

- If Mission Expressions have multicultural groups already attending their activities such as Mainly Music, English conversation class etc, it would be recommended to invite these people first.
- If Mission Expressions plan to establish new connection, they could liaise with local Council or organisation working with multicultural communities and/or people seeking asylum and refugees.

#### 5. Invite your Leaders and neighbouring fellow Officers for support

#### 6. Start

### Evaluate

- After the event, get feedback from the multicultural groups and members of congregation on how it went and how to do things better. Then, meet with your leadership team to evaluate and plan for future gathering.