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From suitcase to kete

The purpose of this activity is for participants to think about what they and their cultures contribute to the bilateral Treaty relationship and to a multicultural Aotearoa/New Zealand. This activity also acts as an emotional 'closing' of the workshop.

Activity 29

Time: 30 minutes.

Materials: Blank paper and pens, colour photographs on pages 60 and 61 placed on

floor about one metre apart.

Optional: additional creative materials such as coloured paper, coloured pens or felts or pastels, ribbon, glue, scissors.

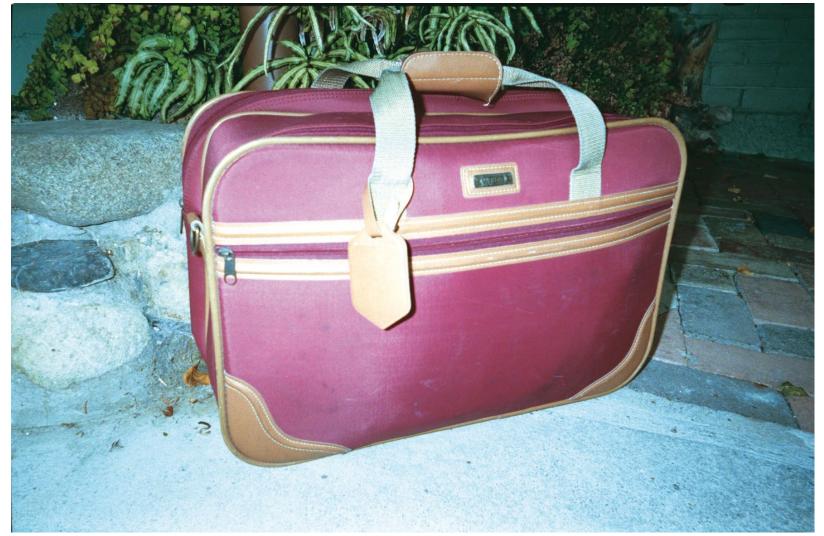
Optional: some reflective music to play while

people are working.

- 1. Ask the participants to take some time individually to reflect on their own or their family/ancestors' journey as a migrant. Ask them to think about something from their culture that they would like to contribute or 'gift' to Aotearoa/New Zealand society. This could be some kind of knowledge, a skill, a taonga or treasure.
- 2. Ask participants to describe their gift on a piece of paper. This may be with words or pictures or other artwork, depending on available resources.

- 3. When they are ready, ask them to come back to the big group and deposit all of the images of their gifts on the colour photograph of the suitcase.
- 4. Ask each person to come forward individually to move their own 'gift' from the photograph of the suitcase to the photograph of the kete, saying what the gift represents.
- 5. Tell the group that the transfer of 'gifts' to the kete symbolises another part of their journey and that this concept is something that each can take away mentally and/ or spiritually with them when they leave: the images of the gifts represent the contribution that new migrants (or the descendants of migrants) make.
- 6. Give the group time to share their feelings about this exercise.

The participants might like to actually hand over the 'kete' to a group they are in relationship with or they might like to keep the 'gifts' themselves to remind them of their intentions.



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