

Outdoor & Woodland Learning Activity Sheet

Activity:	Building the Tower of... (Team Building Exercise)									
Habitat:	Any	Season:	S	✓	S	✓	A	✓	W	✓

Level	
Early	
First	
Second	✓
Third and Fourth	✓
Senior Phase	✓

Curriculum topics			
Expressive Arts	✓	Health and Wellbeing	✓
Languages	✓	Mathematics	
Religious & Moral Ed	✓	Sciences	
Social Studies	✓	Technology	✓

Equipment*
Instructions cards
String
Scissors
Range of different coloured material (at least eight pieces of four different colours)
Pen
Tape measure
Large bottle of water
Branches, twigs etc

Time
30 minutes to 1 hour

Key outcomes
Develop listening, problem solving, and communication skills
Develop artwork/construction skills

*Items depicted in bold are available from CALLP

Activity description
<p>This is a team building exercise based on the old biblical story of the Tower of Babel.</p> <p>The group is split into four teams. Collectively they have to build the tower of ... [choose the name]. BUT the teams each "speak" different languages and so are unable to communicate with each other through speech, so at the work area, nobody is allowed to talk. Only at each team's base can talking and discussion happen.</p> <p>Each team is given an instruction card containing the basic instructions above, along with three rules (only one rule is the same for all cards). They are not aware there are separate rules for each group. The challenge for everyone is to find a way to work together to produce the tower and add the additional features set out in the rules.</p>

Notes

