Exercise 4.1. - All different, all equal

Educational objectives	The students learn to know and accept each other in a group.
	The students discover what they have in common that they were unaware of.
	The students become aware of attitudes and practices related to difference.
Resources	A piece of chalk or a string to make a line on the ground.

Procedure

1. The teacher calls out a series of characteristics one by one. As soon as it is mentioned, those who recognise that they have the characteristic cross the line.

Examples: all those who ...

- are wearing jeans
- have blue eyes
- are older
- have visited other countries in Europe
- regularly read a newspaper
- have been subjected to discrimination
- have homosexual friends
- have prejudices, etc.

The students can be asked to suggest characteristics, but the teacher must be aware of what might be sensitive.

- 2. The students discuss the following issues:
 - Did anyone find themselves in a group with someone with whom they thought they had nothing in common?
 - How does it feel to be part of a large group?
 - How does it feel to be alone?

Variation

As soon as a characteristic is mentioned, students move in the class to form groups composed of people with the same characteristics. They stay together for a moment in order to discuss what they have in common. What they say concerns preferences and behaviour, for example.