

# Connection Maps

1. **Display the question:** *'What connects you to someone else in your group?'*
2. **Divide the class into groups and on one big sheet, students write their names on the edge of the piece of paper and then draw a line that connects their name with someone else in the group.**
3. **After talking to each other, they then write down something that connects them to that person. It may be something they like doing, music they listen to, places they go etc.**
4. **Ask pupils to make a line of connection with everyone in their group, writing as many 'connections' as they can on each of the lines.**
5. **At the end, give pupils time to search for words that might be written on several of the lines. Maps from different groups can be joined together and further connections can be made.**

**Reflection:** Did you find out something new about someone in your class? How do we feel when we are connected to other people?

**Go Further:** This activity could be adapted for topic work where pupils are given key words or pictures, and in groups find ways to connect to their word or picture to another in the group. E.g plastic, ocean, recycling, sustainability, the greenhouse effect, ecosystems.

## Collaborative: Co-operating Appropriately

The physical creation of a connection map supports the talking process, and pupils need to work together on a shared piece of paper.