

# RUGBY WORLD CUP – CELEBRATING DIVERSITY



At a glance

- What is the Rugby World Cup?
- Which countries have won the Rugby World Cup so far?
- How does the Rugby World Cup theme song celebrate diversity?
- How many countries play Rugby?
- How many people play Rugby across the world?

## OVERVIEW

The rugby world cup is the pinnacle of international rugby events and a celebration of diversity bringing together 20 rugby playing countries and millions of fans. In this learning experience students learn about the rugby world cup and focus on its theme song 'world in union' which truly celebrates international friendship and diversity.

### LEARNING AREA

- Health and Physical Education

### FOCUS AREA

- Relationships and sexuality

Strand: Personal, social and community health

Sub-strand: Communicating and interacting for health and wellbeing (ACPPS037)

Sub-strand: Contributing to healthy and active communities (ACPPS024; ACPPS042; ACPPS060)

### GENERAL CAPABILITIES

- Intercultural understanding: Recognising culture and developing respect.
- Ethical understanding: Exploring values, rights and responsibilities.
- Literacy: Comprehending texts through listening, reading and viewing; Composing texts through speaking, writing and creating.
- Personal and social capability: Self awareness.
- ICT capability: Investigating with ICT.

### STIMULUS

- PowerPoint Presentation – ready to use!
- Rugby World Cup 1987 – 2015 promotional video
- World in Union theme song

### POSSIBLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES / TASKS

- Ask the group how much they know about the Rugby World Cup.
- Read key facts about the Rugby World Cup.
- View the Rugby World Cup 1987 – 2015 promotional video and discuss any famous people you might recognise, and how the game and the event might have changed in that time.
- Listen to 'World in Union' which is the Rugby World Cup theme song and discuss why the IRB would have commissioned someone to write the song, how it demonstrates valuing of diversity, and how it makes you feel.
- Look at the World in Union lyrics and identify any words or lines which show how much Rugby values diversity.
- Look at the photos of diverse groups who play Rugby and talk about how sport is something which can be for everyone in the world regardless of gender, wealth, colour, skills etc.
- Look at the world map showing countries which play Rugby and discuss how widespread Rugby is across the world and possible reasons for this.
- Take the Rugby playing countries online challenge matching country names to their location on the world map.
- Investigate the numbers of people who play Rugby in each Rugby playing country and discuss any surprises.

### REFLECTION

Students reflect on the importance of international sporting events, like the Rugby World Cup, to celebrate diversity. Students also reflect on the significance of the 'World in Union' song and lyrics in terms of valuing diversity.

### EXTENSION IDEAS

- The World in Union song is usually performed by local artists within the Rugby World Cup host country. Explore other versions of the World in Union on YouTube.
- Develop a Rugby World Cup diversity-themed collage with internet images from previous Rugby World Cups and space for images from future ones!
- Investigate the Rugby song written by John Williamson called 'A number on my back' which explores the pride and tradition of being a Wallaby.

### WORKSHEETS

- LP - Design a Rugby World Cup ball
- MP - Design a Rugby World Cup mascot
- UP - Illustrate World in Union song

### ASSESSMENT IDEAS

- LP - Rugby World Cup Y-Chart
- MP - Create a Rugby World Cup story
- UP - Perform the World in Union