

<p>I think it can come about as a result of meeting people. Yeah, definitely. Cos once you're talking to people and you realise that they are like you in some ways and beforehand that you mightn't have thought that way, cos you have this vision of what they should be like in your head and then you talk to them and you're like 'Oh!', so it definitely comes from talking to them as well. Definitely" (Kimberly)</p>	<p>'IC contact challenging preconceived images' (1)</p>	<p>'Changing perceptions through intercultural contact' (4)</p>	<p>'Outcomes of intercultural contact'</p>	
<p>"It's a good thing. It's good to mix with other cultures. You get on and see it's a big world. It's bigger than just Irish people. And ya know, not to be naïve and think that there's no different people out there with different views and different ways of being brought up" (Clodagh)</p>	<p>'IC contact countering ethnocentricity' (1)</p>			<p>'Perceiving benefits from intercultural contact' (12)</p>
<p>"we had a Kuwaiti and everyone probably has this warped idea about what Kuwaitis are like, but he was the nicest person in the world. He'd take your plate and wash it for you and give it back to you and insist that he will make the tea. He was just really, really nice and polite." (Ivan)</p>	<p>'Contact with people from other cultures challenging stereotypes' (2)</p>			
<p>"some of them are really funny and a lot of the time you might not have thought that before...I don't know, when you think of foreign cultures you don't stick a personality on them really. And then you talk to them and you're like 'Oh my God, you're really nice!'. And, em...so I just think that yeah it is of benefit to me. It just makes me more open-minded and more...less...you no longer have people stereotyped completely. It kind of wipes away some of the stigmas that are attached to people" (Kimberly)</p>				
<p>"So I've grown up. You learn a lot from just being in a different...in a mix of people" (Samantha)</p>	<p>'Learning from mixing with other cultures' (1)</p>	<p>'Learning from contact with other cultures' (2)</p>		
<p>"It does make a difference I think. You learn about their kind of way of living, what they like and what they do. I might like going to the cinema whereas they might like reading a book or going swimming or something different to what I might like" (Cara)</p>	<p>'Learning by having diversity in class' (1)</p>			
<p>"It matures you a lot in your way of thinking about different cultures and different types of people and all that stuff" (Samantha)</p>	<p>'Maturing through contact with diversity' (1)</p>	<p>'Broadening outlook through intercultural'</p>		
<p>"I think you learn and it broadens your mind a bit to other cultures and like how to act around people" (Samantha)</p>				
<p>"No, it's definitely is a better thing to have different cultures [in University]. It's makes you more aware and it broadens your mind and it just makes you think about different things as well, because if that that person starts talking about their country or something they did, it makes you think more" (Clodagh)</p>	<p>'IC contact broadening students' minds' (1)</p>			
<p>"I think it makes you a bit more worldly or a bit more acceptant to different nationalities and ...different cultures" (Sally)</p>	<p>Contact with CD students fostering acceptance of difference' (1)</p>			