

Rich Pictures

A rich picture is a useful way of exploring and defining a situation, encouraging open discussion that creates shared understanding of a situation or scenario.

Rich pictures contain images, symbols, graphics and colours, bringing together lots of different elements that are relevant to the issue. Creating a rich picture can stimulate creative thinking as people connect both sides of their brain.

There are no rules on how to create a rich picture, but you can find some examples and videos on You Tube that may be helpful to look at.

Rich Picture Activity

Individually or in small groups, ask people to create and share rich picture of the scenario.

- Use a large sheet of paper, think about the main themes or elements in the issue and capture each as an image
- Build on this with more images, symbols and/or words to further illustrate the situation
- Include as much detail as possible, don't worry if it gets messy
- When you have as much detail as you can, think about connections between the different areas. Highlight these with words, images or colours.

When complete, rich pictures are shared with the rest of the group, with the creator(s) talking through and answering any questions. Group members listen for the main themes that are coming up about the scenario and any new ideas or thinking that emerges. Compare the different pictures and the themes emerging to identify critical issues and develop the scenario.

