# -PRIVILEGED?-

**Objective:** To highlight the inequality in the world.

<u>Activity Summary:</u> Students walk in the shoes of young people from around the world and step forward and backward, depending on how privileged they are based on a range of categories. At the end of the activity, the huge range will be visually challenging for students. Those who are 'privileged' individuals will likely feel sorry for those behind them, while others at the other end of the spectrum will be humbled by their end position in comparison to those around them.

<u>To Start:</u> Give out one profile card to each participant (or pairs if there are more than 20 in the group). Ask the participants to stand in the middle of the room in one line facing the back wall. If it will work, get them to hold hands to show they are connected and 'equal' at the beginning. Make sure participants know the objective of the game before starting.

<u>Movement:</u> Explain that through the activity you will mention a category (e.g. food security) and students can read to themselves their own description. They will then move forward, backward or remain in place, based on their young person's situation in relation to that category. Each movement should be *one small granny step* (approx. 30 cm).

Blue descriptions result in a step forward;

Red descriptions result in a step backward; and

**Black** descriptions result in **no movement** (somewhat neutral position)

#### **Equipment needs**

20 profile cards (printed)

Open space (at least 10m x 10m)

<u>Debriefing:</u> At the end of the activity, let participants remain in place and ask them to look around at where everyone ended up and where they finished in relation to others. Ask people to talk about how they felt going through the process and what it felt like to be stepping forward when others went the other direction. Find out from those who experienced the opposite (going backward when others were quickly moving ahead). Get willing participants to share the description that made the most impact on them and why.

#### **Humbling Concluding Statistics:**

- ◆ The richest 1% of the world own as much as the rest!
- 80% of the world live on less than \$10 a day; 40% live on less than \$5 a day; and 20% live on less than \$2.50 a day



The following table shows the profile card details including where each young person will end up (in relation to the start):

Name	Country	Gender	HDI Ranking	<b>End Position</b>
Lorde	New Zealand	Female	9	15
Lionel Smith	United States of America	Male	8	13
Helaine Duval	France	Female	22	13
Sammy Tomkins	Australia	Female	2	12
Hiroto Kurosawa	Japan	Male	20	11
Marcos Fernandez	Argentina	Male	40	7
Amy Lee	China	Female	90	4
Teuila Williams	Samoa	Female	105	4
Patrick Sione	Tonga	Male	100	2
Rohit Singh	India	Male	130	0
Heng Chea	Cambodia	Male	143	-4
Asaad Hadawi	Palestine	Male	113	-4
Kim Diaz	Philippines	Female	115	-5
John Ulaipo	Papua New Guinea	Male	158	-6
Tebano Bakinati	Kiribati	Male	137	-6
Paula Kelly	Solomons	Female	156	-8
Abdel Wardi	Sudan	Male	167	-8
Maria Tikot	Carteret Islands (PNG)	Female	158	-9
Shirisha Dhital	Nepal	Female	145	-9
Zeinah Al-Azmah	Syria	Female	134	-14



#### Name COUNTRY

#### GENDER





# Ella Yelich-O'Connor (Lorde) New Zealand Female PRIVILEGED?

Food security	You can eat what you want when you want	Literacy	You enjoyed a quality education growing up
Water for life	You have access to clean water everywhere	Freedom	Your options are literally endless
Shelter	You have many options for accommodation	Working conditions	The music industry can be hard but you can always do anything else you choose
Medical care	You have easy access to quality health care whenever you need it	Mobility	You can easily travel around New Zealand and to other parts of the world
Safety	You enjoy a peaceful country and bodyguards when travelling	Available finance	You are only 19 but you are already set financially
Discrimination	You don't seem to be disadvantaged in life and are not discriminated against	Corruption	Law and order is great in New Zealand
Abuse	As a celebrity, at times you deal with verbal abuse from critical fans	Hobbies and entertainment	You can do whatever you want and have the means to do so
Family life	You enjoy a supportive family that you see whenever you can	Electricity and You have grown up with both and never m out on accessing either easily	



#### Name Lionel Smith

COUNTRY

**United States** 





Food security	Can eat what you want when you want	Literacy	You enjoyed a great education and graduated top of your class
Water for life	You have access to clean water everywhere	Freedom	You can do whatever you choose
Shelter	You share a flat that provides a solid roof over your head	Working conditions  You had no trouble finding a job and hat trouble selecting which job to choose	
Medical care	You have access to health care but have to pay a lot at times	Mobility	You can easily travel around the USA and plan to go overseas soon
Safety	You have seen some terrible gun incidents but generally feel safe	Available finance	You are very lucky to have a rich family and never worry about not having what you want
Discrimination	You don't feel discriminated in any way	Corruption	Law and order is seemingly reliable in America
Abuse	In the past you experienced some bullying at school	Hobbies and entertainment	You can do whatever you want whenever you choose
Family life	Your family doesn't have a lot of time for you and are focused on their careers	Electricity and technology	You have grown up with both and never miss out on accessing either easily



#### Name **Helaine Duval**

COUNTRY

**France** 





Food security	You have a great family garden and local supermarket close by	Literacy	You enjoyed a quality education and have good memories of school
Water for life	You access clean water daily by simply turning the tap	Freedom	You can do whatever you choose
Shelter	You enjoy a lovely family home in the country	Working conditions  You are lucky to have a great job with best friend down the road	
Medical care	You have access to health care but find it easy to stay healthy	You are restricted in your movements but generally find it easy to move a	
Safety	In the countryside of France you enjoy peace and serenity	Available finance Finance is never much of an issue	
Discrimination	Sometimes when you are in Paris you feel a bit isolated	Corruption	Law and order is amazing in France
Abuse	You have experienced a couple of bad incidents of online bullying	Hobbies and You enjoy outdoor activities and can do to entertainment whenever you feel like it	
Family life	Your family loves spending time together and you feel supported	r Electricity and You have grown up with both and never rout on accessing either easily	



### Name **Sammy Tomkins**

COUNTRY







Food security	You can eat what you want when you want to	Literacy	You enjoyed a good education at school and graduated from university two years ago
Water for life	You have access to clean water everywhere	Freedom	You can do whatever you choose
Shelter	You have a home that you rent with a helpful landlord	Working conditions  You found it hard to get a job last year realised that there are lots of job pros	
Medical care	You have good access to quality health care	Mobility	You can easily travel around Australia and have been overseas recently
Safety	Australia is a peaceful place and you always feel safe	Available finance	You know that you can meet your needs easily and most of your wants
Discrimination	Sometimes you feel discriminated against for being an Aborigine	Corruption Law and order is great in Australia	
Abuse	At times you hear derogatory comments directed at you	You can do whatever you want each we entertainment love spending time with friends	
Family life	You have a supportive family that you are close to all year round	technology  You have grown up with both and never out on accessing either easily	



#### Name **Hiroto Kurosawa**

COUNTRY Japan

GENDER

Male





Food security	Can eat what you want when you want	Literacy	You enjoyed a great education and graduated with honours
Water for life	Have access to clean water everywhere	Freedom	You can do whatever you choose
Shelter	You have flash accommodation in the centre of Tokyo	Working conditions	In your new job you started this year you feel very welcome and valued
Medical care	You have access to health care and find it easy to stay healthy	Mobility	You can easily travel around Japan and plan to go overseas on holiday next year
Safety	You find Tokyo to be very safe	Available finance	You are very lucky to have your family provide money so you can do all you want
Discrimination	Sometimes you feel embarrassed when students laugh at your glasses	Corruption	Law and order is amazing in Japan
Abuse	Recently you experienced some terrible abuse on social media	Hobbies and entertainment	You can do most things that you want to and don't miss out on much at all
Family life	Your family sent you to study in Tokyo and you don't see them during the year		



#### Name Marcos Fernandez



#### GENDER



Argentina Male



Food security	Where you live you can access a range of food and get it at a good price	Literacy	You were lucky to have a good school nearby and finished secondary school
Water for life	You access water easily and for free	Freedom	You have freedom to choose what to do but not always the means to achieve it
Shelter	You live in a poorer area in Buenos Aires but have shelter everyday	Working conditions	You have had to get involved in black market trading when you have been desperate
Medical care	You have health care but it isn't always that reliable and easy to access	Mobility	You are restricted in your movements at times but generally find it easy to move around
Safety	Generally speaking you feel safe in your neighbourhood	Available finance	You just scrape by with your part-time job and your grandmother's savings
Discrimination	As a young male growing up in Argentina you seem to avoid discrimination	Corruption	Law and order can be a bit of a worry in your neighbourhood
Abuse	You see a lot of violence and hear a lot of verbal abuse where you live	Hobbies and entertainment	You enjoy playing football with friends but can't afford to do much more
Family life	You lost your parents at an early age but live with your grandmother	Electricity and technology	The electricity supply is normally pretty good and you try to keep up to date with tech stuff



## Name **Amy Lee**

COUNTRY

China





# Female PRIVILEGED?

Food security	Where you live you can access a range of fresh food and get it at a good price	Literacy	You attended all levels of school and studied hard to get good grades
Water for life	You access water easily	Freedom	Sometimes you have to watch what you do but generally you feel like you enjoy freedom
Shelter	You live in a poorer area outside Beijing and have had to move a lot	Working conditions  You feel like your parents force you to he the family farm but you want to get a	
Medical care	There is a local doctor but they can be expensive and hard to access	You are restricted in your movement but generally find it easy to get a	
Safety	You feel safe in your neighbourhood	Available finance	Your family has always struggled to pay for things and you feel pressure most days
Discrimination	You often feel a bit forgotten	Corruption	You have never experienced any bad situations with law and order in your community
Abuse	You are free from abuse and don't see or hear much in your day to day living	Hobbies and entertainment	There is pressure on you to work hard on the farm and you have no time to do anything
Family life	Your parents are very busy working on the farm but you do see them everyday	Electricity and technology	The electricity supply is not very reliable and you feel like you miss out on the latest devices



#### Name Teuila Williams

COUNTRY





Food security	Where you live you can access a range of fresh food and get it at a good price	Literacy	You enjoyed school and liked your teachers
Water for life	Water is generally easy to access but sometimes rainfall is not consistent	Freedom	You feel like you have freedom of choice but don't always have the means
Shelter	Your family has recently moved to a nice stable home near the coast	Working conditions	You have struggled to find a full time job over the last couple of years
Medical care	Health care is available but not always easy to access or reliable	Mobility	As a result of an earlier road accident you cannot easily get around by yourself
Safety	You feel safe in your neighbourhood	Available finance	With your large family your parents sometimes struggle to afford to meet all the family needs
Discrimination	At times you feel like you are not treated as well as your brothers	Corruption	You've heard some stories about local corruption but never experienced it
Abuse	You are free from abuse and don't see or hear much in your day to day living	Hobbies and entertainment	You enjoy hanging out with friends and feel you can enjoy to rest
Family life	Your parents do their best to be supportive of you and your siblings	Electricity and technology	The electricity supply is not very reliable and you feel out of touch with recent technology



#### Name **Patrick Sione**

COUNTRY

GENDER



Male Tonga



Food security	Where you live you can access a range of fresh food and get it at a good price	Literacy	You missed out on your last 2 years of secondary school and found school hard
Water for life	Water is generally easy to access but sometimes rainfall is not consistent	Freedom	You feel like you have freedom of choice but don't always have the means
Shelter	Your family is always worried about the threat of a cyclone damaging your home	Working conditions	There are not many available jobs in your area and you may need to move to find one
Medical care	The local doctor is not always easy to see and can be expensive	Mobility	You find it easy to get around Tonga and have little desire to go overseas
Safety	You feel safe in your neighbourhood	Available finance	With your large family your parents struggle to afford to meet all the family needs
Discrimination	You visited family overseas recently and were made to feel a bit different	Corruption	You have never experienced any bad situations with law and order in your community
Abuse	Your father sometimes uses physical discipline and can go a bit far	Hobbies and entertainment	You regularly hang out with friends and enjoy playing sport and sharing music together
Family life	Your parents are always supportive of you and your siblings	The electricity supply is not very reliable you feel like you miss out on the latest dev	



### Name Rohit Singh



India









Food security	Where you live you have access to a range of fresh food most of the time	Literacy	Your small local school was lots of fun but only lasted for a few hours each day
Water for life	Water is generally easy to access but sometimes rainfall is not consistent	Freedom	You feel like you have freedom of choice but don't always have the means
Shelter	Your family lives in a small hut and it can be very crowded sometimes	Working conditions	You are made to work very hard for very little at a local processing factory
Medical care	Health care is hard to access and not very reliable so you are often sick	Mobility	You have no trouble getting around except you cannot afford a family vehicle
Safety	You feel safe in your neighbourhood	Available finance	With your large family your parents sometimes struggle to afford to meet all the family needs
Discrimination	You are the only boy in your family and your father seems to favour you	Corruption	There are stories about the local council meeting their needs before the people
Abuse	Sometimes your father gets very angry but you seem to miss his outbursts	Hobbies and entertainment	You are determined to be the next Indian cricketing superstar and love cricket
Family life	You see a lot of your family and feel loved	Electricity and technological devices are technology very common where you live	



## Name **Heng Chea**











Cambodia	M	ale

Food security	You work hard to help manage your family crops to provide enough food	Literacy	You don't go to school anymore as you need to stay at home to help manage the crops
Water for life	Water is not always easy to access and rainfall is less consistent than before	Freedom	You are happy where you are but sometimes wish you could do more
Shelter	You have a small home and sometimes feel a bit squashed	Working conditions	You work for your family outside and like to see the results of your work
Medical care	Health care is not always reliable and many in the community seem to be sick	Mobility	You enjoy using your family motorcycle but don't get to see outside the province
Safety	You feel safe most of the time but recent illegal loggers have caused damage	Available finance	With such a big family it is a struggle to meet all the basic needs each week
Discrimination	As a member of an indigenous group you often feel inferior to other Cambodians	Corruption	The Cambodian government doesn't seem concerned for people like you in rural areas
Abuse	In the past there have been a few violent incidents that you have witnessed	Hobbies and entertainment	When you are not working you spend lots of time with your friends and enjoy volleyball
Family life	Your parents do their best to look after your family and you feel loved	Electricity and technology	You have no electricity and don't feel confident using recent technology



### Name Asaad Hadawi

COUNTRY







Food security	Your family can't always afford to provide enough protein foods	Literacy	You enjoyed school and finished secondary school successfully
Water for life	There are always water shortages	Freedom	Because of the environment where you live you feel restricted in what you can do
Shelter	Your family moved recently and there is often fears that land will be disputed	Working conditions	You were lucky to find an apprenticeship job with your uncle and he looks out for you
Medical care	Health care is expensive to access	Mobility	You wait in long queues everyday to get through checkpoints
Safety	You are afraid that you will be detained at checkpoints	Available finance	Your family has always looked out for you and your basic needs are met
Discrimination	As a Palestinian working in Jerusalem you experience some discrimination	Corruption	Israeli soldiers give you a hard time as there has been some violence lately
Abuse	Each week you have to put up with many negative comments	Hobbies and entertainment	You enjoy playing soccer with your friends on your days off
Family life	Your parents are often worried but try to look after your family as best they can	Electricity and technology	Electricity is fairly reliable and you are lucky to have a working cell phone



#### Name **Kim Diaz**



#### **Philippines**



**Female** 





Food security	Crops keep getting damaged by typhoons and food is not always readily available	Literacy	You enjoyed school but your final years were disturbed by damage caused by the typhoons
Water for life	Water is not always easy to access but new water pipes are almost completed	Freedom	You often feel like you are trapped and don't feel like you have many options
Shelter	Your family lost your home twice since 2012 and you are rebuilding again	Working conditions	There are not many jobs at the moment but you are happy to help out where you can
Medical care	Health care is not easily accessible and many in your community need help	Mobility	You cannot always go where you want to depending on the damage in the area
Safety	After experiencing super typhoons every year you are scared for the future	Available finance	Your family struggles to help meet your basic needs and you never have many pesos
Discrimination	Sometimes you feel like males are treated more favourably than women	Corruption	Funny things have been going on as many seem desperate and order has been lost
Abuse	You are free from abuse and have only heard stories about bullying	Hobbies and entertainment	You still get the chance to spend time with your friends but can't do all that you want
Family life	Your parents do their best to look after your family and you feel loved	Electricity and technology	Electricity has been unavailable for a while and recent technology seems unimportant



## Name John Ulaipo











Food security	Living in the village you have many crops but the El Nino has caused problems	Literacy	School is only open for three hours each day and the class sizes are huge (50+)
Water for life	Water is not always easy to access and rainfall is less consistent than before	Freedom	You are happy where you are but sometimes wish you could do more
Shelter	You have a small family hut and often stay with your grandparents	Working conditions	You work for the family but wish you could go back to school to learn and get a better job
Medical care	Health care is not always reliable and some in your family need a doctor	Mobility	You walk everywhere easily but one day you would like to see other parts of the country
Safety	There have been a number of bad cases of physical violence recently	Available finance	With a big family and inconsistent income it has been a struggle financially
Discrimination	As a male in your community you feel like you are treated with respect	Corruption	Your local leader seems more focused on himself that serving the people
Abuse	Your father can get very angry and has caused damage at home	Hobbies and entertainment	You love playing rugby league and tag with your friends after working on the farm
Family life	Your parents are very busy but you see the rest of your family a lot	Electricity and technology	You have no electricity and don't feel confident using recent technology



#### Name Tebano Bakinati









Food security	Climate change has impacted the ability to grow crops year round in your area	Literacy	You enjoyed your education at the local primary school but dropped out in latter years
Water for life	Access to clean water is limited and has been contaminated in the past	Freedom	At times you are frustrated and don't feel like you have many options
Shelter	You have a small home and it feels very overcrowded which can make life hard	Working conditions	There are not many jobs available and you and your friends are a bit frustrated
Medical care	Health care is not easily accessible and many in your family are sick	Mobility	You have been able to move around on foot and by boat easily
Safety	You feel safe most of the time but there have been a few incidents recently	Available finance	With such a big family it is a struggle to meet all the basic needs each week
Discrimination	You feel like you are treated fairly and not discriminated against	Corruption	You fell like progress is dependent on who you know and a family's influence
Abuse	There are high rates of domestic violence and you have seen and heard a lot	Hobbies and entertainment	You still get the chance to spend time with your friends but can't do all that you want
Family life	Your parents do their best to look after your family and you feel loved	Electricity and technology	Electricity is not constant but you still have some access at times



#### Name Shirisha Dhital



GENDER





**Female** 



Food security	Climate change and natural disasters make food security challenging	Literacy	Your school building is still being repaired but you are meeting outside
Water for life	The nearest water pump is 6km away and rainfall has been irregular	Freedom	You are happy where you are but sometimes wish you could do more
Shelter	Your family is still rebuilding one of your walls and roof after the damage in 2015	Working conditions	You have to work hard at home regardless of your age - especially as you are a girl
Medical care	Health care is not easy to access at times and isn't always reliable	Mobility	It always takes a long time getting around as it is slow going on foot
Safety	Generally you feel like the community is safe and everyone supports each other	Available finance	Your family struggles to meet basic needs from week to week
Discrimination	Males tend to get the food first and you can sometimes miss out	Corruption	You feel like the leaders could have helped your family more last year
Abuse	Sometimes you experience some criticism from younger boys	Hobbies and entertainment	You get to play games with your friends but you can't always do what you want
Family life	Despite the events of last year your family is close and you feel loved	Electricity and technology	Electricity is not always available and you are not sure about recent technology



## Name Paula Kelly











Food security	Your family enjoys good access to food and your crops	Literacy	You loved going to school but only got to go for 3 hours in the morning
Water for life	The nearest water pump is 3km away and rainfall has been irregular	Freedom	You are happy where you are but sometimes wish you could do more
Shelter	Your family home was hit hard by storms recently and needs some repairs	Working conditions	You have struggled to find a full time job and are getting frustrated
Medical care	You have diabetes and it is a struggle to get the care you need each week	Mobility	You can move freely around the island but it is slow going on foot after your bicycle broke
Safety	Generally you feel like the community is safe and everyone supports each other	Available finance	Your family often struggles to meet basic needs from week to week
Discrimination	You feel that boys are treated more favourably than girls	Corruption	Sometimes your parents complain that the local leaders do not do enough
Abuse	Your father gets very angry sometimes and gets violent.	Hobbies and entertainment	You have lots of free time to see your friends and to rest when it is hot
Family life	Your father lost his job and is often drunk so there is stress at home	Electricity and technology	Electricity is not always available and you are not up to date with the latest technology.



#### NAME **Abdel Wardi**

COUNTRY

Sudan



Male





Food security	Some days there is not enough to go around and you are hungry	Literacy	Your school is a long way away and sometimes you cannot go to learn to read and write
Water for life	There has been a recent drought and water from rainfall has been sparse	Freedom	Sometimes you would like to do other things but you feel constrained by where you are
Shelter	Your house has been recently repaired and it provides you with shelter	Working conditions	You are too young to work but you know that when you grow up you will need to work hard
Medical care	Sometimes people come to help those who are sick but often you have to wait	Mobility	You can walk everywhere easily but don't leave your community very often
Safety	There is still unresolved conflict in the area and your family seems worried	Available finance	Money has always been a problem and it is difficult for all your family needs to be met
Discrimination	As the oldest boy you are responsible for a lot and feel respected	Corruption	Your neighbours seem to agree with your parents that law and order could be better
Abuse	You have seen some incidents of violence that you never want to see again	Hobbies and entertainment	You enjoy playing outside your home with your friend from next door
Family life	Your parents love you and you spend lots of time together	Electricity and technology	You have limited access to electricity and new technology



### Name Maria Tikot

#### COUNTRY





#### **Carteret Islands (PNG)** Female

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Food security	Many of your crops were destroyed by the King tides before you moved	Literacy	School has just been built at the moment but the village is looking for a teacher
Water for life	Water comes only from rainfall and is less consistent than before	Freedom	With the recent re-location you feel like you have more freedom
Shelter	Due to coastal erosion some of your community has moved to Bougainville	Working conditions	You are helping out the family with fishing currently but would like to go back to school
Medical care	Health care is not always reliable and some people in your village are sick	Mobility	You can walk everywhere easily but you are confused in your new surroundings
Safety	At times there is local tension and your parents were a bit worried	Available finance	Your family is starting again and doesn't have many kina but enough to meet most needs
Discrimination	You feel that boys have an easier life than what you experience	Corruption	Papua New Guinea has a bad reputation for corruption
Abuse	Your father can get very angry and has caused damage at home	Hobbies and entertainment	You hope to get to know others better but there is not much to do
Family life	Your parents are very busy with the relocation but you know they love you	Electricity and technology	You have poor access to electricity and don't feel confident using recent technology



#### Name Zeinah Al-Azmah



GENDER



Syria

**Female** 

Food security	Resources are scarce with the civil war and food is not always easy to obtain	Literacy	Schools are not open in your region but you used to enjoy learning
Water for life	Water is not always easy to find and relying on rainfall is risky	Freedom	Life seems to be a constant journey of escape and you feel you have no freedom
Shelter	You were staying with relatives but have had to move away	Working conditions	You are too young to work but would like to leave Syria sometime and find a job overseas
Medical care	The majority of health centres and hospitals are closed in Syria now	Mobility	There is the constant threat of the next event so you feel afraid to move around outside
Safety	In the last week there have been two explosions nearby so you feel unsafe	Available finance	You have no income and are relying on other organisations to meet your needs
Discrimination	You feel that boys are treated more favourably than girls	Corruption	There is little law and order at present and you find it hard to think about what is happening
Abuse	You have seen terrible loss (including your family) caused by the ongoing war	Hobbies and entertainment	You get to play games with your friends from the orphanage but you don't always feel like it
Family life	You lost your parents and have had to live with other extended family this year	Electricity and technology	Electricity is not always available and you are not sure about recent technology