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Section	Network Scouts	Last Updated	17.7.2012
Theme / Month		Length of Activity	1-2 hours
Programme Zone	Global		
Title	International Music Evening		
Summary	A musical journey around the world. Listen to chart music from around the world and reflect on what determines your taste in music. If you like, add a competitive element.		

Details

Resources needed:

Computer/smart phone with internet connection and speakers.

Activity:

Spend an evening exploring chart music from around the world.

Start by making a shortlist of a few countries around the world which you take particular interest in. This could be based on visits you have made/would like to make, countries which feature in the news or simply countries you'd like to know more about or which you think might have interesting music. List around 3 countries per continent.

Use the internet to try to find the currently most popular songs in as many of the countries you have listed as possible. Good starting points to find them include:

ITunes
Billboard.com
Top40-Charts.com
lanet.lv/misc/charts/

As you listen to the music, you might want to reflect on how the songs are similar/different to each other, and how they relate to the music popular in the UK right now. You might like to play some of the songs 'blind', and see if the others can guess where it is from.

SOS Children is a charity which cares for orphaned and abandoned children around the world. On www.our-africa.org they have uploaded video clips by some of the children who live in their SOS Children's Villages in Africa. Many of them are about the role music plays in the children's life. Have a look and hear some of tomorrow's African big stars perform, for example on:

http://www.our-africa.org/botswana/marimba http://www.our-africa.org/burkina-faso/music http://www.our-africa.org/ivory-coast/local-music