



Changing faces, shaping places

Lesson 2: Moving for money

Key ideas:

- a) Over time there have been many economic migrations.
- b) Economic migrations create issues for both the origin and destination countries.
- c) Economic migrations can shape places both now and in the future.

Starter activity:

Eurovision mystery

The idea of this mystery is to dust off a very well known case study (that of the economic migration of Turks to Germany), but to give it a modern and relevant twist by looking at its impact on the present day Eurovision song contest. This sets the context of the more contemporary case study of the economic migration of Poles to the UK, and also highlights to pupils that past migrations do have an impact on different places and different times.

Main activity:

Economic migration and the UK

This activity focuses pupils on the case study of Poles to the UK by asking pupils to investigate the facts behind recent economic migrations to the UK by answering a series of interactive questions.

Cartoon and commentary

Having developed their background knowledge of the economic migration of Polish workers to the UK, pupils then begin to explore some of the issues by carrying out some Internet research (using the articles in the links section of the module plan), organising their thoughts into a table and creating a cartoon or cartoon strip to illustrate at least one of the issues. Pupils then write a commentary on their cartoon to explain its meaning and the message it gives about economic migration.

Plenary:

Looking into the future

The economic migration of Polish workers to the UK is a major migration which has affected both the origin and destination countries dramatically over the last few years. However, the situation is constantly changing and this plenary activity attempts to bring the story up to date. Pupils should read the extract from the article [Half EU migrants have 'left the UK'](#) (BBC News website, 29/04/08) on the PowerPoint provided. They should then think about and discuss the positive and negative consequences of this for both the UK and Poland.