# **Disposition:** Creating Inclusion, Identity and Belonging

## **Lesson:** Two

### Question/LO: How do Sikhs show that they belong?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning from experience | Look at photographs of clothes and uniforms – e.g. police officers, fire-fighters. Imagine if they did not wear that uniform and carried out their job in ‘normal’ clothes - How difficult would it be to identify them? What might happen as a result?  Some buildings are identifiable by their colours, logos and symbols. Think about the building where your family goes to get your food shopping. Church buildings may be built in a certain architectural way but what else identifies them? | n/a |
| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | In a similar way explain that the majority of Gurdwaras have a Nishan Sahib outside. This is a flag (usually orange or yellow) which has the Sikh symbol of the Khanda on it. It is usually hoisted on a flagpole outside the Gurdwara. During the festival of Baisakhi the Nishan Sahib is cleaned with yoghurt and new cloths are used to decorate it. Show the film of the Nishan Sahib being cleansed at the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sevak Jatha in Birmingham.  What do you notice about how the Nishan Sahib is treated and how it looks?  Watch the film ‘Gagandeep ties his turban’  Recap story of Baisakhi. The Sikh Amrit ceremony is an initiation service for Sikhs. Explain that during this ceremony five older Sikhs are dressed like the Panj Pyare (blessed ones) as in the first Baisakhi. They stir the Amrit in the bowl using a Khanda. This is drunk and sprinkled on their faces. The person promises to be a true Sikh and follow the teachings of the gurus. She/he will always wear the five Ks.  Ask the pupils to create a series of captions for parts of the ceremony. | Film: Nishan Sahib at the Guru Nanak Nishkam Sevak Jatha in Birmingham: Nishan Sahib Sewa - Vaisakhi 2019 - YouTube  A video ‘Gagandeep ties his turban’ will have downloaded into the same folder as this lesson plan.  KS2\_Y4\_Unit\_06\_Sp\_Wk\_02\_of\_03\_R123  \_Video\_Gagandeep\_ties\_his\_turban\_v1  Rites of Passage – Naming Ceremonies  Mandy Ross  ISBN 978-1403439895    Life Times – Growing Up  Anita Ganeri  ISBN 978-0237518325  Looking at Religion – My Sikh Life  Kanwaljit Kaur-Singh  ISBN 978-0750249577  Sikhs in Britain  Fiona MacDonald  ISBN 978-0749658830  The facts about Sikhism  Alison Cooper  ISBN 978-07500251075    My Sikh Year  Cath Senker  ISBN 978-0750240550 |
| Learning from faith and non-religious world-views | Discuss the following questions:  Why do you think that it is important to have a special ceremony when you become part of a group to show that you belong?  How do you think that this ceremony helps the person involved to become a full member of the group?  How does it help the group that the person is joining?  What about people who are to members of the group?  Are there things that define me as belonging to a particular tradition my choices or choices that are imposed on me? | n/a |
| Learning to discern | n/a | n/a |