

ADULT TCKs & RELATIONSHIPS

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An adult TCK, in her last year of Ph.D studies on the impact of the TCK experience on identity, belonging and relationship to place. She has lived in the UK since her 're-entry' from West Africa at 16, is divorced, and is mum to one darling daughter.

TCK Relationships

1. Romantic relationships
2. Relationships with friends
3. Relationships with non-TCKs

Group discussion focusing on example stories, or situations.

How can we encourage TCKs to invest in healthy, stable relationships?



Romantic Relationships

Desire for stability may lead to unhealthy relationships

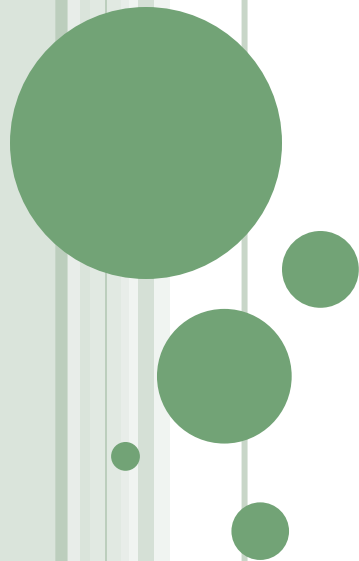
Naive about others' interpretations of their faith

Drawn to damaged people

Partnering other TCKs

Impact of gender modelling in life abroad

When a partner doesn't want an internationally mobile life

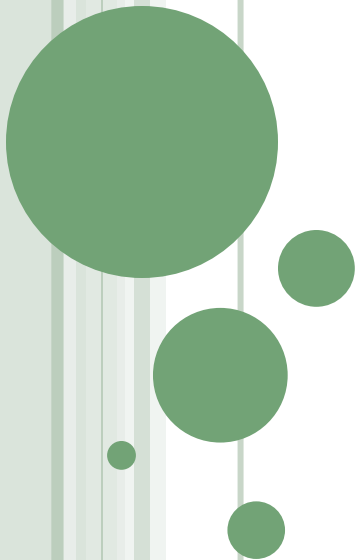


Friendship Relationships

Temporary nature of friendship

Attraction to other
marginals or internationals

Friendships being instrumental in
settling and belonging

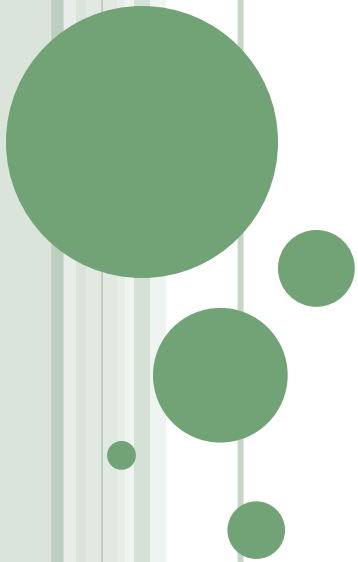


Non-TCK Relationships

Finding commonalities

Feeling special, set apart

Key to local adjustment



GROUP DISCUSSION & FEEDBACK

Facilitated by Andreas:

Using example situations or TCK experiences to better discover ways in which TCK relationships may be strengthened.

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Thank you very much for your
time!

Any Questions?



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