

7.1.5 How do our actions here affect people elsewhere and the planet?

Global connections activity

This activity asks you to identify various roles in the economy, the mechanisms through which those roles are connected to other people and places, and the impacts of those connections. The lists below do not have every kind of role, connection or impact. They just get you thinking about the diverse ways we are connected to people and places elsewhere.

1. Choose one role from the provisioning institution and role list. Draw an arrow from that role to a connection in the middle list that this role engages with. Then draw a second arrow from that connection to an impact on the right. Some roles connect to more than one system: if you can, draw a second or third chain from the same role before moving on.
2. Choose a second role, from a different provisioning institution this time. Repeat the same steps, drawing as many chains as you can find.
3. Compare your chains with a partner or in a small group. Talk about the connections and impacts you each chose, and whether you found different arrows for the same role.
4. Look at your two roles again. Which one do you think holds more power within the connections you drew? What makes you think that?

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Provisioning institution and role	Connection	Impact elsewhere
Households • Child • Parent • Partner • Relative Markets • Consumer • Worker • Owner • Investor Commons • Member • Co-creator • Volunteer • Steward State • Resident • Service-user • Public servant • Law-maker • Regulator	Lifestyle and consumption • Diet and food choices • Travel and transport • Home energy use • Streaming and digital use Global supply chains • Food and agriculture • Clothing and textiles • Electronics and technology Financial decisions • Pension and retirement investment • Bank lending and loans • Business investments and shareholding • Central bank interest rate decisions Public policy • Trade rules and tariffs • Agricultural and industry subsidies • Immigration and asylum policy • Public spending and taxation Care • Funding for health and care systems • Wages and conditions for care workers • Recruitment of care workers from abroad • Access to healthcare and support	Ecosystems • Climate change impacts • Air, water, and soil quality • Biodiversity and land degradation Workers • Wages and working conditions • Health and safety • Rights to organise Communities • Displacement (from land use change, climate impacts, or conflict) • Local livelihoods • Control over local land and resources Households abroad • Cost of living (food, fuel, medicine) • Access to goods and services Care systems elsewhere • Staffing levels • Quality and access to care • Strain on public health systems Countries • Currency stability • Policy sovereignty • Development pathways