LESSON 4: MIGRATION FLOWS

Answer Sheet for Teachers: Activity 2 – Why Do People Leave their Home Countries?

The students should read the text and should **work in groups to develop the migration background of a fictitious person that has migrated internationally, internally or within Europe. They should be able to answer the questions why this person left his or her home country.**

Examples of internal migration

- **An 18-year-old high school graduate moves from Karlsruhe to Munich to study sociology.**
  - ◦ High chance of migration
    - – No language barriers
    - – Large social network and family support

- **A physicist from Cologne moves to Bielefeld because of a job offer from his/her employer.**
  - ◦ High chance of migration
    - – No language barrier
    - – Secure employment
    - – Social network through the company

Examples of European migration

- **A Spanish college graduate migrates to Germany because there appear to be better opportunities in the labour market. A few of his friends already work there in gastronomy.**
  - ◦ Medium chance of migration
    - – Little knowledge of German
    - – Intermediate education
    - – No financial support
    - – No secure employment
    - – Social network in the destination country

- **A well-educated nurse from eastern Europe would like to go to Germany to improve her quality of life. She does not have any German language skills, she has saved a little bit of money and does not know anyone in Germany.**
  - ◦ Low to medium chance of migration
    - – Language barrier
    - – Lacks a social network
    - – Problems of recognition of training despite being in a sought-after profession
    - – Little financial support

- **A retiree from Austria wants to move to Denmark since his daughter has just started her family there. He has learned a bit of Danish and has already found an apartment near his daughter.**
  - ◦ High chance of migration
    - – Knowledge of the language in the destination country / good English language skills
    - – Financial support and regular income from his pension
    - – Strong social network

Examples of international migration

- **An IT-Specialist from France immigrates to California to work for an IT company.**
  - High chance of migration
    - Very good English language skills
    - Good education
    - Financial support
    - Secure employment

- **A woman in her mid-20s from Latin America would like to immigrate to Sweden to work there as a caretaker, like her sister. She is not really trained and does not speak Swedish. Her sister does not have a reliable residency status and also lives in precarious circumstances herself.**
  - Low chances of migration
    - No funds
    - No prospects of a secure living and working situation
    - No language skills
    - Social network

- **After his wedding, a 30-year-old Filipino man would like to move to Germany with his German wife, whom he lived with up until this point in the Philippines. He has learned some German and has worked as a civil engineer. His education will not be acknowledged in Germany and his German language skills are not high enough to attend a German university.**
  - High chance of migration
    - Good English language skills / basic knowledge of German
    - Social network
    - Financial support
    - Secure residency status through his marriage