

Activity One

The Plantation of Ulster

Suggested Learning Intention

Children are learning:

- about what the Ulster Plantation was and when and why it took place.

Suggested Learning and Teaching Activities

Introduce the words **Ulster** and **Plantation**. Ask the children what they understand by the term **Ulster**, and where they may have heard it used. Invite them to work in small groups of three or four pupils to come up with as many suggestions as possible. Share the responses as a whole class.

Some examples may include:

- Ulster Rugby
- Ulster Bank
- University of Ulster
- Ulster Orchestra
- Ulster fry
- Red Hand of Ulster
- Radio Ulster
- Ulster Television (UTV).

With reference to a map of Ireland, explain that Ulster is one of four regions or provinces of Ireland, along with Leinster, Munster and Connaught.

Locate on the map, the nine counties that make up Ulster:

Fermanagh, Antrim, Tyrone, Londonderry, Armagh, Down, Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan.

Ask the children about the word **Plantation**. Have they heard of it before? What does it sound like? Prompt them to think about gardening and planting, for example, seeds, bulbs, flowers, trees.

Explain that the Plantation of Ulster was about *planting people*.

Read background information *What?, When?* and *Why?* sections within **The Plantation of Ulster and Ulster-Scots: What's it all about?** resource booklet and discuss key vocabulary.

Extension Activities:

- Research geographical features of Ulster, for example, roads, waterways, cities and towns.
- Create a map of Ulster using conventional symbols and provide a key.
- Describe various routes in Ulster with accuracy, using a scale to estimate distances.
- Make up a mnemonic to remember the counties in Ulster.

