

# Digital Divide and Cultural Understanding

# Digital Divides

- The 'haves and have nots' (Issues of access and availability) – An socio-economic divide
- The 'wills and will nots' (Issues of technophobia and use) - A psychological divide
- The 'cans and cannots' (Issues of skills) A pedagogical divide

# Cultural Understanding

- Digital cultures and subcultures
- Digital tribes and virtual clans
- Cultural artefacts, tools and totems
- Gathering and meeting points on the Web
- Symbolic exchanges
- Communication mores
- Netiquette, 'wikiquette' and other unwritten rules of online engagement
- Language use

# Digital Cultural Divides

- Divides across cultures
- Mobile cultures
- Listening and viewing cultures
- How do people differ in their uses
- Digital immigrants and natives?
- Cultural imperialism on the Web?
- Bridging the digital divides – how?