

Dealing with Disasters

Lesson plan 7: Whose ideas?

Age group: 11 - 14

Aims:

To increase awareness of the range of possible long-term responses to tackle the causes of disasters. To promote discussion as to which of these responses might be most effective. To develop skills of discussion and co-operation.

What to do:

Download and photocopy the **worksheet: Whose ideas?** (below) so that you have enough for each pair of pupils to share one. Using the sheet, ask each pair of pupils to reach agreement as to which of the three characters have the best ideas. Ask each pair to join two others and attempt to reach an agreement amongst the six.

Alternatively, ask pupils (in pairs, then sixes) to rank the ideas in the shape of a diamond (best at the top, next following, etc) as below:



Finally, ask each group to report which ideas they liked most and least, and why.

Further work

An 'election' could be held, with pupils voting for three of these characters who would have to solve the problem. This would allow discussion, on the limitations of elected representatives.

Curriculum links:


England	Scotland	Wales
English: - Group discussion and interaction; group contributions; taking different views into account. Citizenship/PSHE: - How to empathise.	English: - Listening and talking in groups; talking about experiences and feelings. Environmental Studies; - Developing informed attitudes.	English: - Group discussion and interaction; group contributions; taking different views into account. PSE: - Empathise with others'.

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Worksheet: Whose ideas?

Who do you think has the best ideas? See if you can agree on the best two. Or arrange them in order, the best on top, the worst at the bottom, and the rest in between, as shown below. What are your ideas?



<p>Roger Copat His idea is to get the richer countries to stop selling weapons to countries in the South.</p>	
<p>Ron Bedloft His idea is to keep asking for lots of money to be given by people in Britain to buy food for hungry people in the South.</p>	<p>Ramphal Brant His idea is to make rich countries like Britain trade more fairly with poor countries, for example by paying higher prices for their products.</p>
<p>Pam Fox-Rosen Her idea is to help people by raising money for equipment to help them develop their own farmland, so that they can grow enough for their needs.</p>	<p>Karen Jimm Her idea is to persuade people to be less greedy so that by giving things up they don't need, other people in the world can have a fairer share of things like food.</p>
<p>Norman Thowstock His idea is to give no help to people in the South as every country has an equal chance to become wealthy – if they're poor it's their own fault.</p>	<p>Carlos Sandono His idea is that people in countries like Britain should stop their companies buying up the best land in the South and taking the food for rich countries.</p>
<p>Karla Revell Her idea is to support groups who want to take land and wealth away from the rich and share it out more fairly.</p>	<p>Eddie Cater His idea is to teach children and adults in countries like Britain about how their own governments help to cause disasters so that they can do something to change it.</p>