

Junk Jury Role-Play

Workshop description:

Students take on the role of villagers at a Parish Council meeting. Having heard about the proposals for a new waste disposal facility they have to put forward their opinions and debate the options.

Summary of workshop:

- Presentation about the village and the proposed waste facility.
- Students develop their opinions.
- Role-play.

Time: 1hr-1hr15mins

Number of students: 15-30

Suitable for years: 7-9

Misconceptions:

- That everything can be recycled.
- That we can send our rubbish somewhere where it won't affect anyone.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the workshop pupils should be able to:

- Give at least one advantage and one disadvantage of either landfill, incineration or recycling.
- Explain one factor that should be taken into account when deciding where to locate a waste facility.

Vocabulary: KS3 – Landfill, Incineration, Recycling, Pollution

Resources: (All supplied by SWAP unless stated otherwise.)

Projector and laptop **or memory stick if the school has the necessary ICT system in place.**

Maps of fictitious village.

Information sheets about waste, landfill, incineration and recycling.

Character sheets

Name cards

Duration

2mins

20-25mins

10-15mins

28-33mins

Teaching and Learning activities:

Introduce myself, SWAP and what we will be doing in this workshop.

Presentation to describe the village to the students and explain the three different proposals for a new waste facility near to the village; a landfill site, an incinerator or a recycling plant.

Students work in pairs, using the information and character sheets, to formulate their character's opinion and work out their arguments for or against each of the proposals.

Students take on the role of their character at a Parish Council meeting. Students take it in turns to give their opinion, starting with those that are representing the waste management companies and ending with the local Councillor. At the end of the meeting a vote is held, who will be victorious? Will it be Waste to Ash, Reco Recycling or Lou's Landfill?