

Activity 17

Age: 10yrs +

Time: 1 hour

Materials: Newspapers,
magazines, copies of UDHR
(youth-friendly version)

The World We Want

AIM: To help young people explore what rights are denied to young people in the world and what actions need to be taken to change this.

What to do:

Form groups of 4. Give each group a copy of the UDHR. Get each group to use the newspapers and magazines to brainstorm what rights are being denied to young people in the world today. Tell each group to select 3 different rights being denied in the world today. One should be an Irish situation and the other two should be happening in other parts of the world.

Give each group out some paper and pens and tell them to take each right and explore what life is like because that right is denied, what action needs to happen to change it and what the future is like when the right is fulfilled. Explain that they need to come up with 3 separate freeze-frames (that is they must act out a scene with no movement) to depict these 3 things (3 for each right). Give the groups 20-30 minutes to develop their freeze frames and then bring the groups back together. Each group will take it in turn about to present their freeze-frames and the other groups must try to guess which right each one is depicting – points are awarded to the team who guesses first. The team with the most points at the end wins.

Alternatively: If your group don't enjoy drama you could have them create a collage depicting the 3 scenes described above and display them in your centre.

Action: Go to www.everyhumanhasrights.org and sign the global declaration demanding that every human has the rights they are entitled to.

Warm Up!

Circle breaker Divide the group into teams of at least 6 people. Each team forms a circle and joins arms. 1 person from each group volunteers to stand on the outside of the circle and on the word go they try to find a way into the centre of the circle. The team may not lift their legs off the ground while preventing the volunteer from entering the circle. The winner is the first person to enter the circle.