



Worst Forms of Child Labour

Aim: that participants understand the effects of the worst forms of child labour on children and young people.

Age: All

Time: 45 minutes

Materials: Set of role cards for each group, copy of fact box for each group.



What to do

Before the activity, make photocopies of role-play cards from activity five. Break into four groups and give each group the set of cards. The groups discuss the roles and categorise them according to work that is beneficial to the young person, child labour and the worst forms of child labour. Get feedback from the group and try to get consensus on the worst forms of child labour.

Give each group one of the role cards relating to the worst forms of child labour. They discuss the role and prepare a short drama (2 – 3 minutes) to illustrate the effect that type of work has on young people. Each group presents their drama.

Distribute the fact box on the worst forms of child labour. How does the groups' concept of the worst forms of child labour differ from the International Labour Organisation? What have they in common? What can we do to tackle the worst forms of child labour?

The Worst Forms of Child Labour ILO (2001)

- slavery and bonded labour;
- any hazardous work likely to harm the safety and the moral and physical health of children;
- sexual exploitation, prostitution and pornography;
- use of children for illicit activities.

Did You Know?

There are currently estimated to be more than 300,000 children under the age of 18 fighting in 36 conflicts around the world. Children of both sexes are trained as front-line fighters and are also used for support duties. Many of these young people are recruited by force.