

3. Have your say!

Aim: To encourage young people to have their say about issues that matter to them.

Time: 20 – 30 minutes

What you need:

Debating topic sheet

Please note that the sheet contained here is just a suggestion. You could debate a topic chosen by the group or issues that are particularly relevant to them.

Plan:

Divide the group into two halves, to make the session easier to manage. The Chair of each group reads a statement from the list of debating topics. Then they lead the debate and get discussion going around the room. The debates will last no longer than 10 minutes. The debates should be facilitated so that everyone is encouraged to air their views.

3A. Debating topics

- Public transport is a good resource...
- Football is better than rugby...
- Money is one of the most important things in life...
- Voting is a waste of time...
- Reality TV is a good thing in our society...
- Libraries don't need books anymore...
- Young people today are uncaring and insensitive...
- Dogs are better than cats
- Email is a better form of communication than writing letters...
- The age for taking a driving test should be 21...
- The media spend too much time chasing celebrities...
- Mobile phones are essential to daily life...
- Anger is not a useful emotion...
- There are too many adverts...
- The voting age should be lowered to 16...
- School uniform should be abolished...
- Sweet is better than savoury...