

DOMESTIC ABUSE LESSON PLAN

ACTIVITY FOUR: LET'S DEBATE!

LEARNING AIMS:

- To practice research skills
- To present and respond to arguments appropriately
- To gain an understanding of relationship abuse

TIME: 1 and a half hours (this includes 30min research time)

RESOURCES:

- I.T. equipment/facilities to research the 'statements for debate', pens and paper to prepare arguments, clock/stopwatch to limit time given and voting cards/ballot box (optional).

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

- Start by explaining to students what a debate is, and the rules you must follow whilst participating in a debate (see example of debate rules)
- Split the class into 2 groups, one group being 'For' and the other 'Against'.
- Present the groups with the 'statements for debate' (provided) and ask that they come up with arguments 'for' or 'against' depending which group they are in. They may wish to do some research to add facts and supporting arguments to their positions.
- Once students feel they have enough arguments, the debate can begin!
- Make sure you remind everyone of the rules and your role as Chair
- Limit time for students to state each argument to 30 seconds, politely reminding them when they are out of time!
- Each statement should take no more than 15mins to debate.
- Once the debate is over, students may wish to have a final vote to show if they are 'For' or 'Against'.
- Remind everyone to vote honestly irrespective of their original designation as 'for' or 'against'! Voting can be kept confidential by using voting cards and a ballot box.



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STATEMENTS FOR DEBATE

Statement 1 - Domestic violence only occurs between adults

Statement 2 - If you report domestic violence, it only makes it worse

Statement 3 - It is only domestic abuse if it is physical abuse

DEBATE RULES

- Raise a hand if you would like to make a statement for or against
- Chair will do his/her best to ensure all are heard, however time may not allow for this
 - Please keep arguments to a maximum of 30 seconds
- Please be respectful of others - remember you are responding to the statement not the person
- Don't be afraid to state your argument, whether this is your own personal belief or not.
 - Please don't continue debate outside of the room
- Enjoy!

ACTIVITY FOUR: LET'S DEBATE! VOTING CARDS

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Add x in box to show if you are 'For' or 'Against this statement

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Against

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