



CONNECTING THE DOTS

STUDENT WORKSHOP
SOCIAL PERSPECTIVES

Duration: Half day or full day workshop

Format: Talks, team challenges and group activities for SMSC learning

Group Size: 10-200 students

Relevant Ages: 10-18 years (KS3-5)

Facilitator: ThoughtBox Teachers (15yrs+ experience in the classroom)

SMSC ENRICHMENT

We are all co creators of the world in which we live.

Understanding some of the challenges that we are facing in our current societies begins by joining the dots on how these issues are all connected. *Connecting the Dots* will invite students to explore some of the biggest challenges we are facing today, such as immigration, homelessness and climate change, turning the issues inside out to find out what is really going on.

By engaging in a series of challenges and discussions focusing primarily on the current refugee crisis, this interactive workshop will ask students to start questioning the links between passports and politics, homelessness and climate change and economics and emotional health, helping them to make sense of the world and understand some of the current global crises in more depth.

Key questions explored in this workshop:

- Who decides where we can call home?
- Should a sense of security be a fundamental human right?
- What are some of the causes of global displacement?
- What does it mean to be a refugee or to be homeless?
- How are our life choices dictated by the colour of our passports?
- Why is belonging crucial to our happiness?

Overview

Following an initial team-building exercise, students will be immersed into a series of short discussion-based activities around displacement, thinking about how and why people are displaced and some of the key links between immigration, homeless and climate change.

Working in teams, students will then be challenged with addressing the problem: **How can we welcome refugees into our community?** and will work on a series of tasks to create a campaign to focus on this issue.

By the end of the workshop students will understand and identify key elements of their own (and society's) behaviour when it comes to stereotyping immigrants and refugees, and will have focused on positive solutions to celebrating diversity and cultural differences in communities.

Skill development

- Teamwork, creativity and problem solving
- Expressing opinions and exploring difficult questions
- Exploring core global topics
- Global Citizenship through debate and discussion
- Critical thinking
- Engaged listening
- Empathy building and engagement with diversity

Key topics explored

- Immigration and Refugees
- Displacement and homelessness
- Climate change
- Community
- Participation
- Integration
- Diversity and equality

What schools are saying:

The workshops are great for developing fascinating discussions and really challenging students to think outside of the box.

Deputy Head
St Wilfrid's Catholic High, Yorkshire

ThoughtBox has been a real hit with the Secondary phase - particularly years 7 to 11. We use the 30 minute sessions every week and they bring about some excellent discussion points and debates.

Pav Tatla, Head of PSHE
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy, Birmingham

The resources provided are so thought provoking and students are really pushed to think things through. It's as if you offer little seeds which are then planted into the students' minds where they grow - sometimes sooner, sometimes later."

Head of Year, London

ThoughtBox is the best £600 I've ever spent - apart from the gift I gave my wife after forgetting her birthday last year

Tony Lynch, Deputy Head
Tuxford Academy, Nottinghamshire

We regularly use ThoughtBox resources in our PSHEE lessons and are invariably impressed by the quality of the resources and the thought that goes into the lesson plans.

Sara Williams-Ryan, Head of Pastoral,
Emanuel School, London

Very creative, very interactive, very contemporary.
What a wonderful thing you are doing!

Nano Chatfield, Girls Foundation

A young girl with long, wavy red hair is sitting on the grass at night. She is holding a string of warm white fairy lights in front of her face, with some lights resting on her hair. The background is dark with some out-of-focus lights. A large yellow circle is superimposed over the image, framing the text.

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Non members: Our full day workshops are £900 (*plus travel if over 100 miles) whilst our half-day workshops are £600*.

Let's have a conversation!

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