

Earth Summit

An Earth Summit is an activity for usually about 150-200 pupils, which simulates a United Nations summit. Pupils in small groups role play governments and other international level bodies and seek to find a solution to a global problem such as poverty or climate change.

Key aims for pupils:

- to enable students to gain a broader understanding of how countries make decisions nationally and internationally.
- to enable students to gain knowledge and understanding of a wider (international) issue.
- to develop skills in communication, decision making, considering other view points, listening to others, debating skills as well as persuasive writing.
- to give students the opportunity to work together with pupils from other schools in the area to encourage positive relationships between local communities.

Links to the NC requirements for Citizenship at KS3:

Knowledge and understanding about becoming informed citizens. Pupils should be taught about:

1b the diversity of national, regional, religious and ethnic identities in the United Kingdom and the need for mutual respect and understanding.

1e the electoral system and the importance of voting

1h the significance of the media in society

1i the world as a global community, and the political, economic, environmental and social implications of this, and the role of the European Union, the Commonwealth and the United Nations.

Developing skills of enquiry and communication. Pupils should be taught to:

2a think about topical political, spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues, problems and events by

Relevant

Key Stage/s:

KS2, 3, 4

analysing information and its sources, including ICT –based resources

2c contribute to group and exploratory class discussions, and take part in debates.

Developing skills of participation and responsible actions. Pupils should be taught to:

3a use their imagination to consider other people’s experience and be able to think about, express and explain views that are not their own

3c reflect on the process of participating.

Resources: this activity requires a lot of preparation of resources, which depend on the topic chosen. For information and resources contact your local DEC.

Click on the links for:

A **flow chart** representing the process of an Earth Summit.

Details of a **Prima** example on **Fair Trade**.

Details of a **Secondary** example on Asylum Seekers and Refugees.

Useful resource pack:

Commonwealth Games 2002. A resource to support Citizenship and PSHE at KS 1 and 2. This pack includes a simulation activity which looks at the impact of hosting the Commonwealth Games on the people and places of an imaginary city.