



HOT TOPIC DEBATE

'CARING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF VOLUNTEERS AND CHARITIES'

- 1 As a group, discuss what might be meant by this statement: 'caring for people in need is the responsibility of volunteers and charities'.
- 2 Form two teams – for and against – and choose team names.
- 3 Ask for a volunteer to be the adjudicator to introduce the topic and speakers.
- 4 Allow the teams some time to talk amongst themselves and prepare five arguments for or against.
- 5 Have the groups select debators to present each of their five arguments.
- 6 A volunteer can act as the adjudicator and read the notes below to introduce the debate. The teams will present one argument at a time, turn by turn.
- 7 Encourage cheering to build excitement!

ADJUDICATOR NOTES:

"Today we are debating the topic 'Caring for people in need is the responsibility of volunteers and charities'.

First we define people in need as persons who may be experiencing homelessness, are sick, have no money, food or clothing, not many friends, lonely, or isolated. Is it the responsibility of those who volunteer for charities to look after and care for people experiencing this?

I will now pass over to the first speaker for the affirmative team to make their first statement."

[Thank each speaker after their statement and introduce the next speaker from the opposing team until each team has shared their five points].

OTHER DEBATE TOPIC IDEAS:

- Building more houses will solve the issue of homelessness.
- Governments should give people more money and assistance to end poverty.