



LESSON PLAN: Social Dialogue Sessions 1-4

The ultimate aim of the dialogues is to generate conversations and for children to think about SDGs and links to their forthcoming research projects

Objective Session 1 – Introduction and explanation of CEPNET Project and the Social Dialogues

This session will focus on teachers and facilitators getting to know the classes, building relationships and providing a relaxed and supportive environment for open discussion. Where possible, classes should be trying to reach out to international partners to stimulate friendship and engagement.

Objective Session 2 –Discussion of Local and Global Implications of SDGs

This session will focus on facilitators and teachers encouraging greater levels of discussion and debate amongst the classes, examining issues and responses, while facilitating a relaxed and supportive environment for open discussion.

Objective Session 3 - Further Analysis Global Themes and Moving to Local Interests

This session will focus on further discussion on SDG issues at international level, while also using games to make the children focus on local themes. The aim is that the children are now becoming interested in specific issues and beginning to explore them in smaller groups.

Objective Session 4 – Moving from the "Big Interest" to Groups of Shared Interest

This session will focus on ensuring that each child has found an interest in one of the SDGs and is starting to work within groups where there are shared interests. The aim is that the Social Dialogue Phase is coming to an end with groups becoming focused on research themes and ideas that they would like to know more about.

Key CEPNET Principles Page 10 Handbook	
VOICE: DEBATE; ANALYSIS: WORLDVIEW: ACTION:	

Key Competencies covered	Add list from Competence Framework in discussion with teacher
	group and students
Page 5/6/7 Handbook	





Social Dialogue Session 1

Date	Content	Method	Resources
	Face to face Dialogue		
	Welcome and introduction to	Facilitator/ teacher talk	Teacher Handbook
	CEPNET and partners		
	Google map other schools?		
	Introduction and explanation	Facilitator/ teacher talk	Flip chart and pens
	of the Social Dialogue phase		
	Link to SDGs and Competency	Discussion around areas of	SDG website
	Framework	interest – interest groups	
	www.sdgsforchildren.org	developed	
	Create your own name badge	Small groups – individuals	A range of creative
		create own name badge	materials to include
			Coloured paper/card pens,
			glue, glitter etc
	Creating a relaxed atmosphere	Icebreaker e.g.	Game materials including
	Getting to know each other	Marshmallow game.	spaghetti, marshmallow,
			string, masking tape
	Group contract/ Ground rules	In class groups participants	Flip chart and pens (set for
		discuss what needs to be in	each table/pod)
		place for the 3/4 dialogues	
		to run smoothly	
	Hopes and Fears	Graffiti Wall -	Flip Chart pages on wall
		Small group discussion and	and pens (one per table/
		individual feedback on wall	pod)
	Questions and answers	Facilitator /participant	
		discussion	

Social Dialogue Session 2

Date	Content	Method	Resources
	Face to face Dialogue		
	Recap on CEPNET, especially the types of projects that can be done- radio shows, podcasts Recap on partners Google Earth to other schools	Facilitator/ teacher talk	Teacher Handbook
	Video on SDGs, focus on creative solutions from young people	Facilitator/ teacher talk Discussion around areas of interest interest groups developed	Flip chart and pens SDG website





	Table work with young	Group discussions at tables,	Flip chart and pens
	people exploring the local	identifying issues by placing post it	
	and global issues associated with SDG themes	note on page	
		Class discussion to follow	
ſ	Questions and answers	Facilitator /participant discussion	

	For Session 3		
Recap on CEPNET, especially the SDG themes as discussed	Facilitator/ teacher talk	Teacher Handbook	
Final video on SDGs, focus on creative solutions from	Facilitator/ teacher talk	Flip chart and pens	
young people	Discussion around areas of interest – interest groups developed	SDG website	
Group contract for research process/ Ground rules	In class groups participants discuss what needs to be in place for the research phase to run smoothly	Flip chart and pens (set for each table/pod)	
Hopes and Fears	Graffiti Wall - Small group discussion and individual feedback on wall	Flip Chart pages on wall and pens (one per table/ pod)	
Questions and answers	Facilitator /participant discussion		

	For Session 4		
If I was Taoiseach	Class in schoolyard, getting into a line according to size first time and	Flip chart and pens	
If I was UN Secretary General	by birthday second time, without being able to speak to each other. From this line, broken up into 6 groups of 5 Each group given 5 minutes to come up with 3 ideas		
Discussion on issues and responses	Back to classroom and review the feedback from local and global perspectives	Flip chart and pens	
Team working exercise	Icebreaker e.g. Marshmallow game.	Game materials including spaghetti, marshmallow, string, masking tape	
Questions and answers	Facilitator / participant discussion		





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