

Eco-Schools Children's Rights Activity



Stage: 2-4



Time: 1-2 hours

Introduction: In this activity we are going to learn about the idea of children's rights and what a global citizen is. We will use a video about a child from Haiti to explore these concepts.

You'll need

- Pen or pencil
- Paper

Mild Challenge

What is a Global Citizen? We think a Global Citizen is someone who:

- understands how the world works and has a sense of their own role as a world citizen
- respects and values diversity
- is outraged by social injustice and is willing to act to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place
- participates in the community at a range of levels, from the local to the global
- takes responsibility for their actions

Discuss with your teacher what basic needs and rights are. "Rights are things every child should have or be able to do." You could explore the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as part of this discussion.

Follow this link to watch a short video about Adline, who lives in Haiti. <https://vimeo.com/143596528>

Answer all these questions in whatever you think is best, a video, a poster, an essay etc. Be as creative as possible.

- Did you like the film? Did you learn anything new from the film? How did the film make you feel?
- If you had to leave home quickly, what would you take with you? Essentials such as: warm jacket, Passport / ID, scissors, phone, toothbrush, torch, money, matches, photo or boots. Things you might you need to leave behind: a pet, computer, toys.
- Why do you think the film was made like this?
- What do you think is important for a good quality of life?
- What do you have in common with Adline?

Medium Challenge

In addition to the task above, you can also learn more about Haiti and Scotland in this task. Approximately 80% of Haiti's people live in extreme poverty, 10% of children born in Haiti do not live past the age of five

and only 10% of Haiti's children go to primary school. How do the statistics about Haiti above compare to [child poverty rates in Scotland](#)?

Spicy Challenge

Why not explore Haiti some more – take a look at [Haiti's country profile](#). Lots of people do not know that Haiti and the Dominican Republic are two parts of the same island, with about 10 million people in each. Why is it that so many people go on luxury holidays to the Dominican Republic, but Haiti is so poor?