

# Charity or justice?

*A session to explore issues of justice.*

## **Aim:**

This session is for a teacher/leader of the club to run to help children explore responses to poverty.

## **You will need:**

- A way to divide the room (eg. a row of chairs or cones)
- Small balls, or scrunched-up scrap paper/newspaper 'balls' or balls
- Paper and pens
- Causes of poverty cards (at bottom of document)

## **Warm up game:**

Split the group into two teams. Split the room into two sections. Throw in lots of balls/scrunched up paper balls.

The winning team has least number of balls in their half at the end of 20 seconds – 10 pts to winner, 0 to loser.

Play multiple rounds, finding excuses ("You arrived late", "You looked at me funny" etc) to continually disadvantage one team, for example by:

- Making their area larger than the other
- Making them sit down
- Giving the other team an extra 5 seconds after the minute is up

When this team starts losing badly and complaining, give them points to make it level, but play on with the same rules so they start losing again.

## **Discussion:**

- Let's talk about the game we played at the start. What was wrong with it? (*Not fair*)
- Were you happy with "Oh, just have some more points, then play on"? (*No, still not fair. Game continued to be biased/unfair/go wrong*)
- How did you feel about playing the game?

## Causes of poverty cards

Look at the causes of poverty cards together as a group. Think about each of these causes.

**How would each one of these cause problems to a family around the world?**

Introduce the idea of justice. Explain to the group that this is the idea of being **fair** and reasonable, treating people in a way that is right and fair. CAFOD works to make the world a fairer place. CAFOD supports with charity, helping by providing money and resources to help people, but also by trying to get **justice** for people who do not have enough to eat or drink, a safe place to live, or access to school and healthcare. No one wants to live on handouts. CAFOD provides long-term aid to give people skills, tools and opportunities for people to live with dignity, support their families and give back to their communities.

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## Activity

Watch this animation about the food system.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83UWtnkymQ4>



What injustice is being described here? What do you think we can do to speak out about this injustice?

Now watch this film, Young People Demand Change.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nUNoJYKGM0>

What BIG idea can you think of to support justice? Could you make this idea happen? Maybe you could write to your MP as a group with your BIG idea about justice!



## Causes of poverty

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