

WORKSHOP 2: BUILDING AWARENESS

OVERVIEW

Aim

This workshop examines how schools can create a greater awareness and understanding of children's rights and the Convention amongst the school community. Participants explore what awareness of children's rights looks like in a school, how to implement a whole school approach to rights respecting education, and examples of good practice that can support the achievement of the first RRS Building Block: Awareness.

Guiding Questions

- What does awareness of children's rights look like in a school?
- What is a whole school approach to rights respecting education?
- What are the benefits and challenges of using a whole school approach?
- What are some good practice ideas for building awareness of children's rights in schools?

Activities / Timing

Explore

- Activity 1: Introduction 20 minutes (*plus optional 10 minute activity*)
- Activity 2: Using a Whole-School Approach 15 minutes

Respond

- Activity 3: The Stages of Group Development 10 minutes
- Activity 4: Challenges of a Whole-School Approach 20 minutes

Take Action

- Activity 5: Results from the Initial Rights Assessment 20 minutes
- Activity 6: Good Practices for Building Awareness 30 minutes

Wrap Up

- Take away resources 5 minutes

Total

2 hours

How Can the School Prepare for Workshop 2?

- Make copies of the **Workshop 2 Handouts** (only if the workshop facilitator requests this)
- Ask all workshop participants to bring an empty binder to the workshop to hold handouts and resources
- Arrange for a multimedia projector, speakers, screen and laptop

Note: Workshop 2 has been designed to be 2 hours in length. However, if your school has arranged for a workshop of a different length then your facilitator will adapt the above activities to suit your school's needs.