

School Council Essentials

In school training for primary pupils

9.00 Introduction & Welcome

9.05 Session 1 Listen up! Making sense of school councils

Aims: For the group to work together effectively
To gain an understanding of the skills and support needed for an effective school council
Develop listening and communication skills
Establish groundrules for the day and for future meetings

10.10 Session 2 Purpose and scope of the council

Aims To understand the who, what and where of school councils
To start discussing potential activities

10.30 BREAK

Session 3 Problem Solving

Aims To practice discussing problems and identifying possible solutions

Session 4 Group decision making

Aims: To recognise different types of decision making and who they affect
Appreciate the need for compromise and flexibility
To practice making informed decisions
To practice persuasive discussion skills

12.00 LUNCH

13.00 Session 6 Mixed Running Discussions

Aims: To take part in a structured, chaired discussion
To recognise the importance of minutes, agendas, roles and time-keeping
To further develop decision-making skills

13.40 Session 7 Putting ideas into action

Aims To understand the benefits of sub-committees
To identify tangible projects
To understand how to move from ideas to a project or event
To plan a project/ event

14.15 Session 8 Meeting Role Play

Aims: To put all the skills and ideas from the day into practice

15.00 Session 8 What next? Draft action planning

Aims: To record any ideas from the day
To have clear steps for progression

Our in-school programmes can be tailored to your needs, this programme is for guidance only