



Newspaper snippets

This activity plan highlights the importance of sustainably managing our natural resources, focusing on the impact littering and fly-tipping can have on the environment, communities and the economy.



Natural Resources Wales' purpose is to pursue sustainable management of natural resources in all of its work. This means looking after air, land, water, wildlife, plants and soil to improve Wales' well-being, and provide a better future for everyone.

Objectives

By the end of this activity learners will be able to:

- Explain what fly-tipping is
- Discuss how fly-tipping affects the environment, communities and the economy
- Present a range of viewpoints on the causes and effects of fly-tipping

Duration of session

45 minutes

Curriculum area

ESDGC
Geography

Location

Any outdoor environment or indoors (space permitting)

Curriculum links

KS2 ESDGC

Consumption and waste

That waste can cause pollution
Where the things people consume come from
and go to

KS2 Geography

Study

Living in my world: caring for places and
environments and the importance of being
a global citizen

KS3 ESDGC

Natural environment

Show informed concern for the quality of the
natural environment near and far

KS3 Geography

Study

Tomorrow's citizens: issues in Wales and the
wider world of living sustainably and the
responsibilities of being a global citizen

Equipment and resources

- **Resource cards: Newspaper headlines**
- **Video camera to record news report sketch (optional)**

What to do

- Explain that fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. Organisations like Fly-tipping Action Wales exist to raise awareness about the problem of fly-tipping and work with local communities and local authorities to try and combat it.
- Discuss reasons why fly-tipping is often a news worthy topic: adverse effect on the environment, the economy and local communities.
- In this activity the group will bring a newspaper headline to life through creating and performing a news report where the reporter will be interviewing different characters affected by a fly-tipping incident. The *newspaper headlines* are based around true stories (see additional information).
- Divide into groups of up to 5 learners.
- Each group will be given a set of newspaper headline resource cards, including a headline/reporter card and 4 additional character cards.
- Ask the groups to read the newspaper headline and discuss what problems could be caused by the fly-tipping incident.
- Share out the character roles and provide with the relevant character card.
- The character cards for each headline contains information on the effects of the incident.
- The cards are improvisation guides and not intended to act as a script. For example, the headline/reporter card should be used to guide questioning of the other characters and participants should also be encouraged to think of their own questions for other characters.
- Give time to discuss the headline and practice before each group performs their news report. You may wish to ask each group to read out the headline prior to beginning their news report. You could film each group's performance if suitable recording equipment is available.
- The rest of the learners can ask the characters further questions to draw out additional information.

Suggested key questions

- Why do you think people litter and fly-tip their waste?
- How would it make you feel if you saw fly-tipping on your street?
- Can you think of different people that fly-tipped waste affects?

Adapting for different needs/abilities

Less able:

- Reporter only asks questions to characters that can be answered using the information on the character cards.

More able:

- Learners should consider additional ways each character could be affected by the fly-tipping which hasn't been mentioned on the character cards.

Follow up activity/extension

- Write a newspaper article that would go alongside your headline.
- Try out our other waste activities:
 - *Long lasting litter*
 - *Catch a fly-tipper*
 - *Did you know?*

Additional information

The newspaper headlines are based on true stories but have been adapted for the activity. Below are links to the real stories.

- www.walesonline.co.uk/news/local-news/fly-tipping-blights-merthyr-common-furniture-8671025
- www.flytippingactionwales.org/cy/media/operation-tackling-fly-tipping-help-reduce-flooding-risk/#.WBxtSq1viUI
- www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-north-west-wales-33664279
- www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/News/2015/July/27-Cwmb-ranmanprosecutedforflytipping.aspx
- www.walesonline.co.uk/news/local-news/chepstow-man-arrested-connection-two-2084078

Further information on fly-tipping can be found on the Fly-tipping Action Wales website, including information on where to report an incident or find a licenced waste carrier:

www.flytippingactionwales.org/en/



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