

Shout Out @ School – For teachers



The Shout Out @ School education resource series

The purpose of the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA's teaching resource is to provide students with opportunities to engage with members of their class, school and the broader community to make meaningful, real-life improvements to their world.

The Commissioner is committed to consulting with children and young people, encouraging them to 'stand up and be heard' on issues that affect them and to increasing recognition of their value as members of the community.

Acknowledgement

This resource series was developed with the guidance of a steering group of representatives from the Department of Education and Training (WA), the Catholic Education Office of WA and the Association of Independent Schools WA. The lesson plans and activities were informed by consultations with students from the following schools: Padbury Catholic Primary School, Dawson Park Primary School, Riverlands Montessori School and Lance Holt School.

The lesson plans and activities

The lessons are designed as guides and the activities suggested are not intended to be completed consecutively; however, the lessons will support this approach should it be the teacher's preference. Teachers may wish to substitute different content and additional activities but utilise the framework provided to achieve the same objectives – we encourage this!

Each K–3 lesson is related to one of three picture charts – 'The park', 'The community' and 'The school'. These can be downloaded and printed in colour or black and white in A3 or A4 size. There are also three legends available for download from the Commissioner for Children and Young People website www.cyp.wa.gov.au relating the scenarios in each picture chart to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Supporting active student engagement

The Shout Out @ School resources are designed to encourage students to engage actively in their classroom, school, local community and state. This requires a commitment on the part of teachers and schools to support students to identify and pursue an area of interest, and may be celebrated and promoted within and outside the school.

Wherever possible, teachers are encouraged to support students through to the completion and implementation of their project so students may experience a positive outcome from their focus and action.

Facilitating respectful discussion of rights, needs and wants

The resources refer to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Any discussion of rights, needs or wants can raise issues of personal, cultural or spiritual difference and it is important that teachers utilising these resources prepare students for this possibility and facilitate respectful class discussion.

Reporting on class projects

Each lesson provides the opportunity for students to research, design and run a class project and to report on its outcomes via a link at www.ccyp.wa.gov.au – follow the link Shout Out/Shout Out @ School. Students can use this web page to communicate their interests, and achievements and to partner with other classrooms around the state on future projects.

Providing comment on the teaching resources

Teachers are encouraged to submit comments to the Commissioner for Children and Young People's website on the lessons and activities. This can be done via a link at www.ccyp.wa.gov.au to Resources and publications/For teachers.