



APRIL Working together

Definition:

Two or more people sharing the work needed to achieve a goal.

Why is it important?

Everyone has different skills and ideas, so we can achieve much more by working together. Whether you are playing football, tidying the classroom, or campaign for change, working together is far more effective. We must work together on a global scale to solve global issues.

Class activity - Global teamwork challenge:

Students stand in a circle each holding part of one big loop of rope. Imagine the loop of rope represents the world, and each student represents a different country working together to address global issues.

The first goal of the group is to lay the rope on the ground in the shape of a square BUT, although students can talk to each other they must all have their eyes shut throughout. After

the 2 minutes the students open their eyes and see how close the shape of their rope is. Repeat this 3 times, each time the teacher gives the group a different shape. Next the teacher asks the students to make a square with their eyes shut but this time only every other student can speak, the others must stay silent. For the next shape only every third student can give instructions, and for the third shape only two students next to each other can give instructions. Finally, the group must make a square again, all the students can open their eyes except for one, and only this student is allowed to give instructions.

- What made it difficult to create the shapes as a team?
- What teamwork techniques worked well?
- Was it easier when those giving the instructions were spread out, or close together?
- What similarities can you see between this game and solving global issues?
- How did it feel not being able to speak when you could see what needed to happen?

In this game each student's different position around the rope is equally important in making the final shape. Similarly, all the different perspectives, knowledge, and experiences of people around the world must be included to effectively solve global issues.

Make a change:

What people in your **local** community might not have a voice? What **personal** action could you take to help them be heard? How could the **local** community also support this? Which people around the world have no voice on global issues? What is one action that could address this issue on a global scale?