



O C T O B E R

Social Justice

If we want a fair, compassionate future then we need to challenge social justice issues such as **racism, poverty, gender discrimination** and **climate injustice**.

Social justice issues are often connected, so we need to **stand up for everyone**, and not just speak out about the issues that affect us personally.

Social justice means equal rights, wealth, and opportunities for everyone.

We are much more effective at achieving social justice when we work together as **we can learn from and support each other**, understand how these issues connect, and use our different voices to help everyone to be heard.

Conversation starter

What should we do if we see someone is not being treated in the way that we would like to be treated?

How can we use our voices to help others to be heard?

Class activity

Circle of connection

Ask the class to sit or stand in a circle, facing each other. Give one student a ball of wool or string and ask them to share an example of something that is unfair or unjust that is happening in the world right now. It might be something global, or something happening in your local community.

After they have spoken, they should loop the wool or string loosely around their wrist before throwing the ball on to someone else in the circle.

Once everyone in the circle has spoken and looped the wool or string around their wrist, ask them to look at the web of connection that they have created between them.

Remind them that everyone in the world is connected to each other. Notice how what happens in one place affects the whole web. When one strand of the thread is damaged or weakened, it affects the whole web. This means we are not alone when we experience unfairness or injustice. And it means we all have a responsibility to make sure that everyone is treated fairly.

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGES

Social Justice

Complete one or more of the challenges below as a whole class, or choose 2 or 3 pupils to complete one each month over the course of the year.

Creative challenge

Rebooting social justice through protest



Many people attend protests or marches to speak out about social justice issues, and use placards (hand-held signs) to share their message.

Design a placard to draw attention to a social justice issue of your choice.

Research challenge

Rebooting social justice through making connections



Map out as many connections as you can find between at least two of the social justice issues below:

- Climate change
- Refugees
- Racism
- Food poverty
- Gender equality

Present your findings in a mindmap or diagram.

Action challenge

Rebooting social justice through conversation



Find an organisation or person who is campaigning about one or more of the social justice issues above.

Pick at least two friends or family members to tell about what they are campaigning about, why it's important, and how they can be supported.