



Teachers Resources - Environmental Crime – Littering – Answers and suggestions

Age 10-11 group Activity 1 - Five d's Witness forms

Examples:

- D Countryside, forest, near a car park
- D Slim build, medium height, long brown hair
- D Black bags of rubbish, half full
- D Day time, sunny, possibly spring or summer
- D Dumped 4 black bags of rubbish over the fence by the trees

Age 10-11 group Activity 2 – Consequences of litter

Download the fact sheet to help with this exercise

6,894,594,844 - 2010

Source: World Bank

This is the number of people in the world.

- The UK has a population of 60,000,000
- 2.25 million pieces of litter are dropped in the UK every day
- The UK is only 8% of the world's population so the litter dropped would be around 207, 000,000 pieces of litter dropped every day (based on UK statistics being averaged around the world and multiplied by total population)
- It would be 7 trillion pieces of litter a year based on the same figures

You can use the fact sheet to help think of ideas for your pledge

Age 10-11 group – Activity 3 – Fixed penalty notice paperwork

Print off the fixed penalty notice and ask the pupils to complete the form as if they are the Street Warden issuing the fine.

The pupils could complete the fixed penalty notice in pairs and do a short role play. One person playing the litter dropper and the other playing the Street Warden.

Age 10-11 group – Activity 4 - Witness statement for court

Use the template for the pupils to complete a witness statement as if they are the Street Warden. They should use the information they collected in the Advocate exercise they did earlier on group activity 1.

After completing the witness statements the pupils could read them out as if they are giving evidence in court, they could use the oath:

"I swear by almighty god to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth"



Below is an example of a real witness statement (personal details have been changed)

I am employed by Charnwood Borough Council as a Street Warden. I have worked as a Street Warden since September 2006 I am employed to enforce environmental crime issues such as littering.

On the 8th April 2011 at approximately 11.30am, I was on patrol in Market Street Loughborough in full uniform when I noticed a man throw a crisp packet onto the pavement.

The man was sitting on a bench on Market Street on the opposite side of the road to Tarboush restaurant. After he threw the crisp packet on the floor he then walked away leaving it on the floor in the same location where it was dropped. At the time of the incident I was approximately 5 metres away, It was a clear day, sunny with no obstructions to my view of the incident.

I approached the man and asked him why he had disposed of his cigarette end in that manner. I advised him that it was an offence to throw litter in the street, he made no response, I then asked him for his personal details which he gave as John Tomson of 111 Peel Close, Queensville, Leicestershire. Mr Tomson is described as British origin, 5 foot 8 in height, slim build with short, brown hair.

Mr Tomson was then told that a Fixed Penalty Notice was to be issued for litter, contrary to section 87 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 which he accepted.

I then explained about how to pay and where to pay the Fixed Penalty Notice and that payment of the fine would ensure closure of the matter. I then returned to the office and handed the blue copy of the Fixed Penalty Notice to my Line Manager.