

Global Citizenship: Why do we fight?

Intention:

For campers to appreciate some of the causes of conflict and to begin to develop strategies of conflict resolution:

- to look at different viewpoints.
- identify unfairness and take appropriate action.
- to empathise with and respond to the needs of others and to be aware that our actions have consequences.

Activity:

Ask campers to think about why kids might argue over possessions, friends, sports, etc.

Discuss the suggestions and ask who feels they have argued for the same reasons. Ask campers to think about situations around camp that could lead to disagreement. Use these as scenarios during drama activity for role play in small groups.

Ideas could include an argument over a soccer ball, book, or kayak, being wrongly accused and not getting a chance to explain, or using someone's stuff without asking.

After each group acts out its scene, ask for everyone's suggestions for resolving the problem. (Note that reversing the roles is an effective way of building empathy.)

Outcome: That campers gain an increased awareness of the causes, and possible resolution of everyday issues and difficulties.