

Found our own political party (Paper for the pupil)

Schedule: Seven lessons

1. Party program and election poster

- come up with a name for your party
- Plan and make an election poster (size A3). Make party logo, pictures, slogans and interesting texts.
- Write a party program with five points
You must be able to defend and justify your ideas. In the party program can NOT exist anything that may insult someone. Be realistic with your ideas.

You can work with the following ideas or feel free to come with your own ideas

Traffic issues
Cultural issues
Youth rights
Tax politics, high or low taxes
Healthcare issues, free for everyone or..?
Your country and EU, possibilities or not?
Foreign policy issues
What will our city look like 2050, what do we want it to look like?
Social issues/Welfare or not?
Work and unemployment issues
School issues

Which issues are important for your party. What do you want to commit to? Your perspective can be just your city or the whole country.

A written version of your party program with justified ideas must be given to the teacher.

2. Election speak a party presentation

- Each group keeps a election speech in front of the class. Everyone in the group talks. The speech can only be three minutes long. So think carefully about what you are going to say.
Also remember that you have to defend and argue for your opinions.
- After the presentations the other parties in the class can ask the presenting party questions .
- After all parties have presented there will be an election in the class.
Everyone gets to vote for a party that they actually would support in real life.

Paper for the teacher

Things to think about when doing this project:

- The class is divided into groups. When you divide the group it is important that the groups consist of pupils that actually can work together
- Motivate the pupil to think about and discuss issues that concern the society they live in today. Make them come up with ideas about What they would like to change and WHY.
- Their issues can concern school, the city they live in or the whole country
- It's important that each pupil can motivate opinions and has arguments to defend the presented facts.
- Don't allow any insulting ideas about people or groups of people.
- Remind the pupils to focus on the main goals: presenting and argumentation, NOT making the poster.
- The party ideas can also be connected to an existing ideology.
- The election speech that is kept in the end of the project must not be a usual presentation of the party. The pupils that keep the election speech have to convince the other pupils to support the presenting party. That's why it's very important to emphasize this part to the pupils. Make them try a different way to present a project.
- If a group fails in working together you can split in two or place one or two pupils in other groups.
- After each presentation in the classroom you can allow other pupils to ask questions.
- One overall goal with this project is to get pupils to discuss matters in the society we live in today, so that they will get a wider understanding of the society and how it works.