

Where do You stand ?

Coyote has taken on board the increased interest of youth workers in human rights questions. It will take this subject up further in its next issues.

You might know this exercise. The participants stand in the middle of the room. On two walls, opposite each other, there are two posters. One says "yes", one says "no". The trainer shows them a statement dealing with an aspect of a specific subject, and then asks them to decide, spontaneously – do you agree or disagree with this statement? People then move towards the poster that best expresses their opinion. Once two groups have formed, they need to convince each other of their opinions. Until the trainer stops the discussion and presents the next statement.

Finding arguments to defend their opinion, the participants might start reflecting about the subject, the arguments presented and the way people behave in such a situation. "Where do you stand" is an exercise that, like many, can be played in different ways, with different objectives and on a variety of issues.

Human Rights: Where do you stand?

- Human rights are ideals. They are not practical.
- Human rights are evolving. This means that they can never be permanent.
- Young people don't need to hear about human rights. They need respect from adults.
- We don't need the Universal Declaration of Human Rights because the same ideas are in my country's Constitution.
- Human rights are really just cultural imperialism.
- You can't enjoy your human rights unless you have enough to eat.
- I don't need to protect your human rights. That's the job of the government.
- We shouldn't protect the human rights of addicts because they are breaking the law.

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