

IC13 Citizenship and Media

Role play

Situation description:

Andy is 15 years old and he is a very good athlete. He does track and field and he's got lots of first place prizes for short distance running. Andy is an orphan and lives in an institution. He attends the local school near the orphanage. This year he receives an invitation to take part in a prestigious competition abroad but he can't cover his expenses. His school and the orphanage can't provide financial support. Andy urgently needs an outfit, running spikes and other necessities in order to continue training and competing. His teachers support him and are convinced that he possesses a talent for running which should be developed.

Andy's classmates want to help him and decide to ask the media for help so that their campaign receives a wider coverage and they raise the money faster.

Roles:

1. Andy – 15 years old, sprinter
2. Andy's classmates
3. Andy's friends who live in the orphanage
4. Andy's teachers
5. The headmaster of the orphanage
6. Journalists – reporters from the local TV channel

Tasks:

- Allocate the roles in such a way that everyone can take part. Some participants can be observers and they'll provide feedback and comments when the game is over.
- Divide into small groups according to the role you've chosen. Think about what you should do in order to raise the money for Andy quickly.
- Think about ways to contact the media – choose the most suitable type of media; write a short message describing your idea.
- Imagine that reporters are visiting your school in order to give Andy and your idea to help him coverage.

What questions would you ask?

Who will be interviewed by the reporters?