

GOAL 12: RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION & PRODUCTION

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Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



55 MINUTES

PURPOSE

To learn more about what happens to mobile phones when they are recycled.

MATERIALS

E-waste video and projector:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=JXDrlvShZKU

OR

printed copies of a news article:

www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/14/ghana-dump-electronic-waste-not-good-place-live

ACTIVITY (15 MINUTES)

Gather the group into a circle around a play parachute. Lift the parachute up as a group and one leader should call out a statement. Anyone who agrees should run under the parachute and swap with another person before they get trapped as the group pulls the parachute back down.

Statements:

- I have a mobile phone.
- I have owned more than one mobile phone.
- I like to upgrade my phone as soon as I can.

- I still have an old mobile phone lying around at home.
- I have sold or given away an old mobile phone.
- I have thrown away an old mobile phone.
- I have never thought about what happens to old mobile phones.

VIDEO (30 minutes)

Show the video or news article to the Scouts. What issues are highlighted? What surprised them? What do they think the impact is of sending e-waste to Ghana / Nigeria?

FOLLOW UP (10 minutes)

Repeat the game with these statements.

- I am surprised that many of the phones end up in Africa.
- People in Ghana / Nigeria are making good use of our old phones.
- I want to find out more about what to do with my old phone.

SUMMARY



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More people globally are expected to join the middle class over the next two decades. This is good for individual prosperity but it will increase demand for already constrained natural resources. If we don't act to change our consumption and production patterns, we will cause irreversible damage to our environment. Encourage the Section to think about their own consumer habits – what do they need and what do they want?

TARGETS

- Halve the amount of global food waste per person, by individuals and companies.
- Ensure that international agreements for handling harmful chemicals are met, taking care of the air, water and soil.
- Reduce the generation of waste through the three Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
- Ensure large companies' practices are responsible, open and environmentally sound.

- Keep the public informed and educated, and provide the tools to live in harmony with nature for sustainable lifestyles.

ACTIVITY

Find out what happens to old mobile phones and explore attitudes to owning, buying and disposing of mobile phones.

TAKE IT FURTHER

- Arrange a mobile phone recycling drive with your group. Find out about the recycling schemes offered by Oxfam or Christian Aid.
- Get the section to design posters and flyers to put up in your community. If you have a blog or Facebook page, advertise it there. Keep track of how many are collected by each group and see who can gather the most over a set period of time.

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