



This activity helps the pupils visualise their thinking and see the connections between causes, effects and solutions to an issue.

PROBLEM TREE

Work in small groups or all together to find causes, effects and solutions linked to various challenges and problems facing, for example one of the WCP Child Rights Heroes or a Child Rights Ambassador. Each pair or group work with one problem at a time.

1. Draw a tree and write the *problem/challenge* on the trunk, for example, homeless children, children who are forced to work, become soldiers or enter child marriage.
2. Write down possible *causes* on the tree's roots, such as poverty, prejudices, tradition, or discrimination of certain minority groups. Other possible causes can be climate change, war and conflict.
3. Write down *effects* and consequences of the problem on pieces of paper and place on the branches. For example health problems and/or abuse.
4. Take a step back and see if any of the causes and effects should be switched round?
5. Try to come up with ideas for *solutions*. Draw fruit and write the solutions on them before 'hanging' the fruit on the branches.