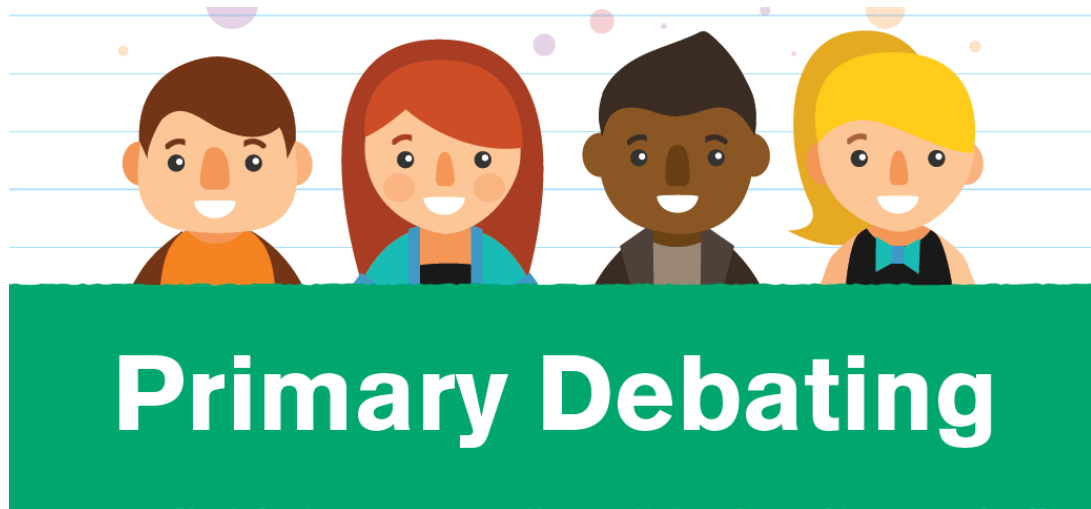


PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATES
2019-2020

That's debatable!



MOTIONS

Each Centre is asked to choose from the following list of motions and send to participating schools in their area

Please note- Concern will insist on the below motions being used and not accept additional motions put forward by Education Centres. All motions have a development theme (bar two) and FREE Concern workshops are available to schools to help them explore some of the below issues. Resources are also available here too <https://www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/educational-resources> If a Centre runs out of motions, please let Concern know and we will provide more.

Concern suggest that the first two motions are used in early rounds in order to help students get used to the structure of the programme.

Below motions have research links for each. Please visit our Primary Debates hub for more information and training videos

<https://www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/debates/primary-school>

Theme	Motion
Homework	Homework is a waste of time for primary school students
Mobile Phones	Primary school students should be banned from owning a mobile phone
World Hunger	World hunger will be eliminated by 2030 Research Links for Prop & Opp: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.un.org/zerohunger/content/challenge-hunger-can-be-eliminated-our-lifetimes• https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/hunger/• https://www1.wfp.org/zero-hunger• https://www.concernusa.org/story/top-causes-world-hunger/

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Citizenship/Voting	<p>Young people should be allowed to vote at 16</p> <p>Research Links for Prop & Opp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/vote-2019-is-it-time-to-reduce-the-voting-age-to-16-1.3901997 • https://www.debatingeurope.eu/2019/07/18/16-year-olds-given-vote/ <p>Research Link for Prop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.youth.ie/get-involved/campaigns/vote-at-16/ <p>Research Link for Opp:</p> <p>https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/oct/10/uk-voting-age-16-youth-politics</p>
Food Waste	<p>We are not doing enough to end food waste</p> <p>Research Links for Prop & Opp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/food_waste_en • https://www.mywaste.ie/what-to-do-with-my-food-waste/ • https://stopfoodwaste.ie/ • https://friendsoftheearth.uk/food-waste • https://food.cloud <p>Research Link for Prop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/jan/10/uk-throwing-away-13bn-of-food-each-year-latest-figures-show <p>Research Link for Opp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://resource.co/article/six-apps-taking-fight-food-waste-11587 • https://www.musgravegroup.com/2018/01/26/musgrave-signs-national-food-waste-charter/ • https://www.agriland.ie/farming-news/e290000-allocated-to-initiatives-aimed-at-reducing-food-waste/

Apathy	<p>Young people of Ireland care little for the developing world</p> <p>Proposition: The Guardian-newspaper article</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/ng-interactive/2018/sep/24/our-time-is-now-world-youth-poll-reveals-unexpected-optimism • https://www.theguardian.com/society/2015/apr/19/why-young-people-dont-vote-apathy-or-antipathy-election-2015 <p>Opposition: Irish NGO Spunout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://spunout.ie/news/article/young-people-are-going-to-be-the-generationforchange • https://www.youthworkireland.ie/what-we-do/news/generation-welcome
Social Media	<p>Social media is a force for good in the world</p> <p>Proposition: The Guardian-newspaper article https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2018/dec/07/social-media-teenagers-problems-banning-phones-children-support</p> <p>http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20180104-is-social-media-bad-for-you-the-evidence-and-the-unknowns</p> <p>Opposition: The Guardian-newspaper article https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/sep/06/social-media-good-evidence-platforms-insecurities-health</p> <p>The Telegraph-newspaper article https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/02/12/social-media-companies-want-force-good-responsibility-must-become/</p>