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The Concern Debates Podcast 2025
Motion One

"Disinformation is the biggest threat to peace in 2025"

In episode one of the 2025 'Debating Development' podcast series, Olga chats to Emma Kelly (Lead content editor at Concern Worldwide, Dublin) and Eoghan Connolly (Debates and Schools Programme Officer at Concern Worldwide, Dublin) about the impact of disinformation and the ways it can be prevented.

Listen to the podcast and answer the following questions:

- What is the difference between misinformation and disinformation?

- List three effects of climate change. Consider its impact on the planet and on people.

- Give an example of how youth-led movements are taking action on climate change.

- Give an example of how climate change is affecting Somalia.

- In response to these changes, how are communities in Somalia adapting to the effects of climate change?

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- What does Sohanur think is one of the most powerful tools we have to combat the climate crisis?

- List three arguments that **support** the motion based on Victoria, Sohanur, Abdulkadir and Olga's discussion.

- List three arguments that **oppose** the motion based on the interview.

- How do the topics discussed in the podcast connect to your life, either personally, at school or in your community?

What are your initial thoughts and opinions on the motion based on your listening to the podcast?

The Concern Debates Podcast 2025 Motion Two

"Boycotting is the most effective way to end fast fashion"

In episode two of the 2025 Debating Development podcast series, Olga sits down with Jenny Gillen from Concern's Communications team and Alannah Wrynn, a Concern Worldwide Youth Ambassador, to unpack the arguments surrounding this timely and thought-provoking motion. Together, they explore the power of consumer action, the impact of industry practices, and whether refusing to buy is truly the most effective path to change.

Listen to the podcast and answer the following questions:

- Define the term *fast fashion:*

- Complete the mind map:

Challenges facing consumers
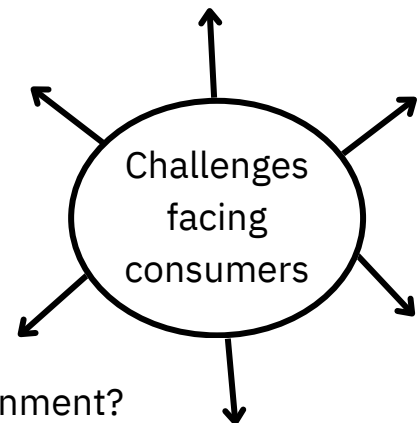
- Why is fast fashion considered harmful to the environment?

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- What rules and regulations are in place to help make fashion more fair and

  sustainable, and do they actually make a difference?

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- What impact might widespread boycotting of fast fashion brands have?

- Do the guests mention any other solutions to the problem of fast fashion? How can consumers make more sustainable fashion choices?

- List three arguments that **support** the motion based on Jenny, Alannah and Olga's discussion.

- List three arguments that **oppose** the motion based on the interview.

- How do the topics discussed in the podcast connect to your life, either personally, at school or in your community?

What are your initial thoughts and opinions on the motion based on your listening to the podcast?