

Round Table Discussion on Energy (Dr E. Mastorakos)

The energy "debate" is varied into a "round table discussion". The students play the role of energy experts, who meet to discuss the energy problem and suggest solutions. The leader provides the agenda for the meeting (example below). A type of energy is allocated to each student (i.e. one takes oil, another takes solar etc. – listed below), and the students are asked to come to the meeting with 1/2 page of notes on their topic. During the discussion (2 sessions), the "chair" and "minute taking" are alternated. The leader encourages the chair to force the discussion around the particular agenda topic. At the end of the first session the 6"minute takers" get together to write the minutes and circulate them by email to the rest of the group (example in separate file). In the second session, the discussion is wrapped-up and the group is required to come-up with recommendations.

The students learn how to focus on an issue, how to present a focused argument in a group discussion, how to participate in a meeting, how to chair and how to take minutes. They also learned something about energy and pollution.

**First Meeting of “Save the World” Group
18 Nov 2008**

Agenda

1. Background & introductions
2. The main questions
3. The current status of energy
4. Possible solutions
5. Any other business
6. Date of next meeting

**Final Meeting of “Save the World” Group
25 Nov 2008**

Agenda

1. Minutes of previous meeting
2. Review of the main problems
3. Recommendations
4. Any other business
5. Closure

Forms of energy:

coal;

oil;

gas;

wind;

solar;

geothermal;

biomass;

nuclear;

conservation;

Sectors:

transport;

domestic & industry;

electricity