What's the solution?

LESSON 9: ACTION TREE

ACTIVITY

Objective
To work collaboratively and creatively as a team to plan an action.

Outcome
Creative thinking; team work, forward thinking, organisation, planning, prioritisation.

KS2/3 Activity sheet 9, Action Tree*
Work in groups. Pupils first need to decide on an action to take, or use the one agreed in the previous activity.

Pupils draw a tree on a poster-sized piece of paper and complete as follows:

- Trunk: our action
- Roots: tools or resources needed
- Branches: tasks
- Leaves: people responsible for each task
- Fruit: what we want to achieve
- Worms: helpers.

Follow-up activities
- Carry out the action!
- Reflect on how well it went. Pupils could draw a picture of a person to represent how they feel their project has gone (as below).

Heads and hearts reflection
Head = write what you have learned
Heart = write how your feelings have changed
Stomach = write the challenges you have overcome
Hands = write down the impact your action had on other people
Feet = write what you’d like to do now
Legs = advice for others who might work on this issue

POSSIBLE SUBJECT AREAS

KS2 – citizenship
KS3 – citizenship and geography

RESOURCES
- Activity sheet 9: Action tree – KS2/3
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- Successful campaigns, page 33

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