What's the problem?

LESSON 3:
REAL LIVES - KS2

ACTIVITY

Objective
To explore the lives of people making sporting goods in different countries.

Outcome
To analyse and evaluate information; consider what is fair and unfair; understand rights at work and how these affect workers and their families.

KS2
There are four photo cards. These could be used as a ‘carousel’ activity with a group of pupils taking one card and then moving on to the next. There are instructions on each card for pupils. Before using the photo cards, use sections from the online resource ‘The World of Work’ to encourage pupils to think about why we work and what sort of jobs people do, and to understand the role of trade unions.

Group 1: Where in the world? Photo card 1
• What do you see in each picture?
• In which parts of the world do you think these products are being made?
• What do you think these pictures have to do with sporting events like the Olympics?

Group 2: Sandamaelie’s day. Photo card 2
• How many hours a day does Sandamaelie work?
• Why does she work overtime?
• How much money does she have left each month after she has sent money home?
• What would you like/dislike about Sandamaelie’s day?

Group 3: Fair/unfair. Photo card 3
• What’s fair/unfair in these stories?
• Can you find any evidence to show people being treated fairly or unfairly at work?

Group 4: Rights at work. Photo card 4
• Which rights do you think are most important?
• Rank them in a diamond shape.
• Do you think there are any rights missing?

Discussion
• What is fair/unfair about these stories?
• Why do you think rights at work are important?
• How could a trade union help to improve the lives of the workers mentioned?

POSSIBLE SUBJECT AREAS
KS2 – citizenship, English, geography

RESOURCES
• Activity 3: Photo cards 1, 2, 3 & 4 – KS2 (back pocket)
• The World of Work
  www.ebctuc.co.uk/working-lives
• 10 more things you can do, page 28
• Key words, page 29
• Further information, pages 30–32
• Successful campaigns, page 33

Photocards

Photo card answers
Photo card 1. Photo 1 was taken in India and shows a boy working from home making a sports jacket; photo 2 was taken in a factory in Thailand producing for Nike; photo 3 was taken at the PT Panarub factory where workers make Adidas trainers and have been sacked for their trade union activities; and photo 4 shows a dormitory for workers in Indonesia, where eight workers usually share one room.

Photo card 2. This picture was taken in Sri Lanka (around 75 per cent of workers in all sportswear supply chains are women).

Photo card 3. This picture was taken in a factory producing sportswear in Vietnam (the worker’s chair does not have a back rest, a basic health and safety provision).

Photo card 4. This picture was taken in a factory producing athletic footwear in Indonesia.