

Teens in the USA: San Diego – Rosa – How to make a difference



Rosa is highly involved in social activities. She makes her district looking prettier and serves meals to homeless people. What's your opinion about that? What could you do in your neighbourhood or in school to make it a better place? Please collect some ideas in pairs and choose the best of them.



“It's very important for the community to give back and to show that we're there for them.”



■ Procedure pyramid discussion:

– The discussion is divided into four parts. At the end the aim is to find the best ideas for social commitment in your district to “give back to the community“ like Rosa said.

– Step one: Individual work

Write down four ideas about how to smart up your district. Add arguments/reasons to underline your ideas.

– Step two: Pair work

Present your ideas to each other. From your eight ideas you have to select the best four ideas. Try to convince your partner of your position. Use the arguments/reasons you have prepared. Come up with four common ideas. Be prepared to present them to another group.

– Step three: Group work I

Get together with another pair. Present your ideas as a pair to the other pair. Together you have to agree on the best three ideas. Try to convince the other pair of your ideas. Come up with three common ideas. Prepare to present the ideas to another group. Select a spokesperson for the initial presentation.

– Step four: Group work II

Get together with another group of four persons. Now it's up to you all to find the best idea. Same procedure as group work I. A spokesperson has to present your idea to the class.

■ language support

After thinking about my district I determined ... problems. – I feel... – I think... – It seems to me that... – I agree/I disagree with you because... – As far as I'm concerned... – Did you want to say that...? – This is our best idea to smart up our district because... – What do you think about...? – What I'm trying to say is that... – My/Our idea has several advantages, for example...