

Rubbish recycling

Help young people look after the environment by learning about recycling

This activity contributes to the following badges:



Beaver Global Issues Activity Badge



Cubs Environmental Conservation Activity Badge

Time: 45 minutes

Preparation

Ask the young people to bring in some recycled boxes.

Equipment

Eight boxes.....
Scissors.....
Activity sheet (one per group).....
Pens or pencils.....



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Ask the young people to split into small groups. Discuss what recycling means, how to recycle, and what can be recycled. How many different types of recycling can they think of? Examples could include glass, plastic, and clothes.

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Young people should cut out all of the items on the activity sheet, ready to sort them into different bins. They should put their group name on the back of each picture.

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Put the eight boxes at one end of the room. Ensure they're clearly labelled: cans, paper and card, plastic, compost, glass, clothes, metal, and food. Ask the young people to line up in their groups at the far end of the room, away from the boxes.

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The first member of each team must take one picture, run to the far end of the room, and put the picture into the right recycling box. They should then run back and tag the next player. The teams should carry on until all of their pictures have been put into the boxes.

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The leader should then quickly check through the boxes to make sure the right items are in each box. If a picture is in the wrong box, the leader should check the team name and deduct a point from that team. The team with the highest score wins. Make sure the boxes and cut out paper are recycled in a paper and card recycling bin.

Take it further

Why not order some Recycle with Michael bags for your group, so that you can start to do some clothes recycling? You can order bags through our portal, which can be found [here](#).

Thought about peer leadership?

Could a young person lead this activity for their section?



