

Newspaper Headlines

Good for...

- Preparing a report or 'round up' for the Church Council or Annual General Meeting
- Material to support a funding application

You will require

- Flipchart
- Paper
- Pens and pencils
- Computer and printer (optional)

What to do

- Ask the young people what are the 'headlines' they would want people to know about their group/club. Record these on a flipchart so that everyone can see them.
- In small groups of 2-4, ask each group to choose a 'headline'. They then write an article (no more than 150 - 200 words) to say more about the headline's subject. Encourage creativity - cartoons, pictures etc.
- Have each group read/show their article to the others - does anything need changing? adding? deleting? Are there other headlines that need to have articles written about them?
- Collate the articles into a 'newspaper'. This could be either handwritten or created electronically.
- Discuss together how the 'newspaper' could best be presented - PowerPoint of the headlines? Printed copies?
- Reflect - what have you learned? How might that feed in to what you (or the church) do? Who can help things to change?

Suggested headlines

Have a few 'prompts' for headlines if the Group are not forth coming e.g.

- Highlights of the year
- Lowlights of the year
- Activities/outings
- Members
- Links with other groups

Do it differently

Instead of writing an article, have groups create a one minute video report. Edit these together for a 'newsreel'.

Adapt it for younger children

- Rather than 'headlines', change the language to what the children have enjoyed/remember about the year.
- Have a teenager or adult listen to what they say and record it electronically (computer or video).

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