

# Chat Show



## AIM

To compare life in the past with the possible future for young people

## Time

1 Hour

## Material

Photocopies of the fact cards and sample questions

## What to do

Create groups of three people. Give each member a different role card. Ensure everybody has the sample questions. Ask each person to read through their cards. Explain that new technology has allowed to talk to people from our past and our future. The most popular chat show on television has got hold of the technology and has decided to use it to find out about what life was, is and will be like for young people. The groups will have 10 minutes for each interview. After 20 minutes, end the interviews and debrief.

## Debrief

Form a circle. Ask what kind of people they imagined themselves as? How old were they, male or female? What kinds of changes have happened since the past and what kind of changes did they see happening in the future. Were the changes good or bad? How will these changes come about?

What has changed for young people in Ireland over the last 20 years? What are the issues affecting young people now and what will affect them in the future? Can you see any similarities between young people in Ireland and South Africa?

### 2009 Role Card

You're a talk-show host from South Africa 2009. You need ratings so you want to highlight the really big differences between then and now.

#### Issues

The 2010 World Cup is being held next year in South Africa and there is international recognition of the progress that has been made. However crime, unemployment and HIV/AIDS are huge issues in South Africa.

#### Laws

Nelson Mandela was released in 1990 and went on to become South Africa's first black president. Apartheid has

been abolished since 1994. Anti-retroviral drugs (the drugs that help people living with HIV or AIDS) means that most people affected in South Africa can't afford the drugs.

#### What this meant

In 2009, 24million people are living with HIV in Africa. 1 in every 6 people living with HIV or AIDS is South African. In 2007 a health minister said a diet of lemon, olive oil and garlic would cure the disease and he was forced to resign.

#### Possible future issues

Climate Change is a growing problem as weather patterns continue to change forcing farmers off their land.

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The World Cup is being held in South Africa in 2010, many positive things have happened in the past 20 years. However because of international patent laws, only the companies that develop the special drugs for living with HIV/AIDS can be the producers of it, many South Africans cannot afford their high prices. In fact some countries like South Africa are looking into illegalising the patent laws so more people can get access to cheaper drugs.

## 1989 Role Card

You're a young person from South Africa 1989. You are curious about what life is like in the future. You want to ask lots of questions.

### Issues

A system of apartheid or legal separation based on skin colour is practiced by the Government in South Africa. Racial tension is high.

### Laws

The law classified people into racial groups (black, white, coloured, and Indian). According to your group you got different education, medical care, and other public services.

### What this meant

Any non-whites had to have a "Pass-card" to travel in white areas. There are violent protests leading to many deaths and international anger.

South Africa is not allowed to participate in sporting events such as the World Cup.

Nelson Mandela, a strong anti-apartheid campaigner has been in prison for 26 years.

### Possible future issues

An epidemic of a new virus called "HIV" has just started and 5 million Africans are infected.

## 2029 Role Card

You are a young person from South Africa in 2029. You have always had an interest in history and you are fascinated by what life was like for people in your country's past. It's 20 years in the future in South Africa. Many things have changed. For your Youth project you have a unique

opportunity to interview South Africans from the past.

Use your imagination to put forward your idea for the future and make it believable and be able to answer the "why" and "how'd that happen" questions.

## Sample Questions

What's it like – food, healthcare, transport, education?  
What happens during the course of your day that makes you feel happy/angry/sad/excited/scared?  
What do you do for fun?

What happens if you break the law?  
What's good about the world you live in?  
What's not so good?  
What can you do to change that?

## Warm Up

**Don't make me laugh:** One volunteer sits in a chair at the top of the room. Ask them to think of a very serious person in history. The rest of the group have to try and make them laugh or smile. No tickling or other physical contact is allowed. If they succeed, the person who did it is now in the chair.

## Action Idea

Organise a game of football in your youth club and scatter the MDG's (Activity 17) as obstacles around the playing area, each time a goal is scored the team can choose which MDG they will remove.