

Handouts

Sheet of statements

Sport and general human rights

Do you think that Emmanuel Adebayor makes a good UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador?

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Athletes at international level have to agree a code of conduct. Those who then breach the code, for instance, by using a sporting event to make a political statement are penalised. Is this a denial of a person's right to free expression?

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The police have powers to stop football supporters whom they suspect of being troublemakers from travelling to other countries for matches. Is this a legitimate denial of their right to freedom of movement and association?

Sport and general human rights

Do you think that countries should be chosen to host the Olympic Games according to their human rights record?

Sport and children

What would you say to ambitious parents and trainers who force children to train for hours on end? Who should have the right to decide about a young person's health and how they spend their leisure time?

Sport and citizenship and participation

Many people are born in one country, but then make their home and become citizens in a second country. Nonetheless, they continue to support the national team of their country of birth, instead of that of the second country that has offered them a new home. Should a good citizen support their host country's national team?

Sport and culture

A culture can be described as the set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterises an institution, organisation or group. Is "football culture" culture?

Sport and democracy

Do you think that politicians in your country use sport, or sporting events, to distract and divert people from taking an interest in political and economic issues?

Sport and disablism

To what extent do the Paralympics break down prejudices against disabled people?

Sport and discrimination and intolerance

Is sex testing of athletes necessary to ensure fair competition or is it too great an infringement of people's human dignity and right to privacy?

Sport and environment

Golf courses are frequently criticised for being both people and environmentally unfriendly because they are often developed on land that was used by local people for farming and forestry. They also require a lot of water, herbicides and pesticides for their maintenance. Does this make golf a human rights issue?

Sport and gender

Some people say that there are few women among the top coaches and sports administrators because of discrimination against women. Do you agree? If you do, what can be done about it?

Sport and globalisation

Sports shoes and much other sports equipment are made cheaply with exploited labour in Eastern Europe and in the Far East. The workers want to continue working and do not call for a boycott. What can we, as consumers, do to avoid being party to their exploitation?

Sport and health

What can be done at a local level to combat the use of drugs in sports?

Sports and the media

Do you think that any particular television company has the right to buy exclusive coverage of any sporting event?

Sport and migration

It is said that one of the easiest and most important ways for immigrants to integrate is through sport and sporting activities. Do you agree? Why? Why not?

Sport and peace and violence

To what extent do competitive sports promote co-operation and understanding between people and to what extent do they aggravate nationalism and xenophobia?

Sport and poverty

In many countries, sport, but especially football, offers individuals the possibility of a "passport out of poverty". Should poor countries, therefore, put more focus on football?

Sport and poverty

Most of the football players in Europe get very high salaries for their work. Can this be justified and is it fair?

Sport and religion and belief

Many sports clubs play at the weekend. Is this unfair discrimination against people who want to practise their religion on the Sabbath or on a Sunday?

Sport and disablism

To what extent do the Paralympics break down prejudices against disabled people?

Sport and remembrance

The Olympiastadion in Berlin was Hitler's show piece for the 1936 Olympic Games, which were used by the Nazis for propaganda purposes. Thus, for many people the building is a symbol of fascism. It has now been renovated although some people wanted to demolish it and others suggested letting it slowly crumble "like the Colosseum in Rome". What do you think should have happened to such a building?

Sport and war and terrorism

"Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence: in other words it is war minus the shooting." 1945, George Orwell. Do you agree?

Sport and work

Do you agree that professional athletes should have the same rights and obligations as any other worker including, for example, working hours, paying taxes and the right to form unions?