Global Citizenship: Sustainable living board game

Intention: Good raining day or event day activity for campers to begin to develop an enquiring mind, state an opinion based on evidence, begin to value resources and to understand our impact on the environment.

Activity:

You will need:

large sheet(s) of paper or card on which to make board games; Game pieces and dice; Information about living sustainably (see bullet points below).

In a whole group, ask the campers how they can live in a sustainable way - how to live in a healthy way, respecting others and the environment. Encourage campers to think about how they can live more sustainably at camp, home and school.

To give them some ideas, you could ask about ways of:

keeping healthy - not smoking, eating a balanced diet; physical activity respecting others - being considerate to others, looking after other people's things; respecting the environment - saving water, electricity and paper, recycling.

Write their ideas for the game board on a flip chart.

Ask campers to work in pairs to make up game text that will require players to go forward or back on the game board, such as: 'Didn't turn tap off properly, go back 2 spaces' or 'Fitted energy-saving light bulbs, go ahead 3 spaces'.

The text needs to be brief to go in particular squares on the board game.

Then the campers can draw out a simple board game track of about 50 squares. Their texts can then be spread out around the track. On completion, play the games in groups, taking turns so that everyone's game is played. Can be played outdoors on a large area with campers as the playing pieces.

Outcome: Campers begin to realise that everyone can behave responsibly with regard to the world's resources, and make a difference for the good.