

Let's give them something to talk about



Over the last few weeks you have read a selection of texts that dealt with children, their history and social role(s), and the myth of childhood.

The point of this activity is to:

- a) Build on the work you have already done in creating your own NGO
- b) Discuss the ideology inherent in the construction of your NGO. Does your NGO allow for the child's voice to be heard or does it just perpetuate common assumptions and myths about childhood?

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- 1) BE SURE TO READ ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS
- 2) Select one person to be the note-taker to record the team's discussion
- 3) Be sure to take notes when the other teams are presenting!

ACTIVITY

- As a team- you will create a talk show (ie/ Oprah, Jerry Springer, Jay Leno, The View, etc)
- The topic on your show this week is "The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child" and the main theme will be "Does your NGO represent the best interest of the child or is it simply reinforcing western ideologies of childhood?"
- The guests or panel for the show are made up of a selection of the following:
 - a) Representatives from the NGO you have created
 - b) Authors of the texts we have read (ie/ Marx, Gramsci, James, Jenkins, etc.)
 - c) A group of experts on the topics (ie/ professors, government members, etc)
 - d) A group of children
 - e) Another idea of your own that relates to the topic
- The questions for the guests and/or the topic of discussion should come from the readings from this week and from lecture notes AND should demonstrate an understanding of the course material.
- You will have 40 minutes to complete this assignment and then you will present your talk show to the class
- Talk shows should be approximately 5 minutes in length.