

## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION ON RIGHT AND DUTIES

The following are some questions that community leaders can use for discussion with young people. They are also a good way to start if you want to take a more active role in your community. Try to answer all the questions and discuss them with friends. If there is a question you don't know the answer to, ask someone who knows: find out from teachers, books and the internet.

### **What are you going to do?**

Below you will find sixteen squares which you can print and cut out as little cards.

Think about how to answer each question and write down any further questions that arise as you are answering.

After you have attempted to answer the questions, group the cards into three categories: a) participation; b) rights; c) responsibilities.

You will notice that some of the cards can be placed in more than one group. Try to reflect on the overlaps between participation, rights and responsibilities and how, together, they make up citizenship.

Bottom-up social development in favelas of Rio de Janeiro

<p>In your country, is voting a right, a duty, or both? Are you penalised if you don't vote? If so, how?</p>	<p>Why do we need to pay for services such as electricity and water in the community?</p>	<p>In your country, is it compulsory to undertake some kind of community service?</p>	<p>Where you live, where can you find out about housing rights?</p>
<p>Do you know how to separate waste and recycle materials? Have you thought about why it is important to recycle?</p>	<p>Do you know what your rights are as a consumer when you buy goods such as clothes or a bike?</p>	<p>Have you thought about serving your community as a leader or representative? Do you know the responsibilities of such a position? What would be the personal benefits?</p>	<p>Do you know of any scheme that members of your community have in place to avoid paying for services? What are the consequences of this for the wider society?</p>
<p>Are you acquainted with terms such as "corruption" and "nepotism"? If so, can you explain how they affect the functioning of society?</p>	<p>What are the basic rights in the constitution of your country? Hint: education, health and voting are common constitutional rights.</p>	<p>Have you thought about volunteering in your community? What are the channels to do so for someone of your age?</p>	<p>Do you know what your rights are when you work or are self-employed? For example, is it lawful for a boss to dismiss an employee who has become pregnant?</p>
<p>Are the laws of your country special or curious about any particular rights or responsibilities, in comparison with others?</p>	<p>To whom are political leaders and representatives accountable?</p>	<p>What is the use of the taxes that we pay on purchases and services? What would happen if we all avoided paying taxes?</p>	<p>Is education compulsory by law in your country? What are the implications of this, in relation to education also being a right?</p>