



Workshop exercise on citizenship

IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES TO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCES

Objectives:

- To describe citizenship in terms of rights and duties.
- To compare the rights and duties of two citizens (a police officer and a community resident).
- To reflect on the role of the State in relation to its citizens.

Duration: 35 minutes

Materials:

Two large sheets of paper with drawings previously prepared / Felt pens / Notebook and pen

What are we going to do?

1. Read the definition of citizenship on the next page and explain what citizenship is in your own words. **(5 minutes)**
2. On the large sheet of paper there are two drawings: a favela resident called Miguel and a police officer called Fernando. On one side of each figure, write all the rights he has. On the other side, write all the duties that he has. **(15 minutes)**
3. Invite the group to discuss the following questions, while the secretary takes notes. **(15 minutes)**
 - a. What are the rights and duties that Miguel and Fernando have in common?
 - b. If Miguel realises that one of his rights is not being respected, what can he do?
 - c. If Fernando does not meet his obligations, who will make him do so?
 - d. And Miguel, who can make him fulfil any obligations he is not fulfilling?



Citizenship

Citizenship is the bond that people have with the State. You are a citizen of a country not only because you live there, but also because the State protects you through laws that you, in turn, respect.

Citizenship implies an inseparable dyad: rights and duties.

Rights: All benefits that the State offers citizens and which everyone has the right to enjoy – education, health, voting and transportation, among others.

Duties: All responsibilities citizens have for a society to have a harmonious coexistence. For example, paying taxes and respecting rules on which everyone agrees.