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WORKSHEET – LESSON ONE

**Understanding
social issues**



Watch the video clip and write down...

...one thing you've learnt:

...one question you have about what you've seen:

What is a social issue?

Watch the second video clip. Based on what you've seen, what do you think the definition of a social issue is?

My definition of a social issue is:

Why not share your social Issue definition on social media using **#MyFirstGive**?

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Challenge

Are there any other social issues that you can think of that aren't covered by the videos?

Identifying causes and making links

Read or listen to the case study below or on the video [here](#).

Case study

On Sunday Jamie noticed a tent had been put up in the entrance to the park by her house. Until today, she didn't know who was sleeping there, but on her walk this morning Jamie sees a woman tidying up in the tent, alone. She walks quickly past, not wanting to stare and heads to work. As she walks past, she scolds herself; why didn't she offer her a warm drink or a sandwich?

The next day Jamie builds up the confidence to say 'good morning' as she walks to work and silently promises herself to drop a coffee off to the lady on her way home, but as she approaches the park, Jamie notices that there are police officers and a paramedic helping the woman who has a nasty cut above her eye. Someone had tried to steal something from her tent and when she tried to stop them, they punched her. Not wanting to stop and stare, she left the coffee on the floor and walked home.

Jamie sometimes struggles with anxiety but knows that the woman in the tent will be feeling much worse. She worries about how lonely and isolated she must feel and reflects on how frightening it must be to not know where your next meal will come from.

Social issues

Identify any social issues and write them in the boxes below.

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What are the causes of the social issues? What are the links between them?

Challenge

If these issues are not dealt with, they will become problems that affect society on a wider scale. How far do you agree or disagree with this view?

Which social issues can you identify in your community?

Think about social issues that exist in your community. Fill in as many of the spaces here as you can.

Social issues in my community

What's my social issue?

Now consider the social issues you've thought about in this lesson. Decide on one that you'll focus on as a priority.

The social issue I have chosen is:

because...

Who's responsible?

Now you have chosen your social issue, write down how you think these different groups should address this social issue under normal circumstances.

Government

e.g. The Government should provide education.

Families

Faith groups

Schools and Colleges

Charities

Individuals

Challenge

What might prevent these groups from being effective in tackling the social issue?

Reflection

List two reasons why it is important to offer support to people who are affected by this social issue?

In preparation for next lesson, research and write down one interesting fact that you have found out about your social issue.