

Teacher Guide

As part of the Scottish Sentencing Council's work to promote awareness and understanding of sentencing, this series of educational resources has been developed to help secondary school students learn more about the criminal justice system and sentencing process.

Start by using the Blether Stations on Community Sentencing to gather the thoughts and perceptions of crime and sentencing the pupil's already hold. The pupils will carry this out in a carousel style in small groups. Bring the class together for feedback.

Pupils will then compete the for and against sheet to consider what they think the arguments are surrounding community sentencing.

Use the Community Sentencing PPT, show the video on Community Sentencing and complete the worksheet.

Show the next video and go through the Big Question PPT. The task can be varied depending on the class. They can conduct a class debate, produce reports or presentations. The output can vary with levels. Give your opinion terminology and persuasive writing mats/wall displays can be used as a writing aid to answer the big question.