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Supporting the Professional  
Learning of School Leaders  
and Teachers

# Critical, discursive thinking and writing in the Politics and Society classroom



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# Key messages

Politics and Society develops in learners the skills of analysing, interpreting, evaluating and applying evidence and data

Discursive, independent critical thinking is a key component of Politics and Society

Politics and Society exposes learners to competing ideas about their world and gives them an opportunity to apply these ideas and to evaluate them in light of the evidence that is available

Politics and Society supports learners to listen to and critique the arguments of others and respond to those arguments constructively



# Focus of the session

By the end of this session we will have:

Explored ways of engaging students with the processes of power and decision making in their own schools and on the national level

Reflected on teacher and student testimony

Engaged with approaches to support students in understanding the evolving ideas of key thinkers

Considered ways to support students in using their power in their schools, communities, nationally and internationally



# How do you support student participation?

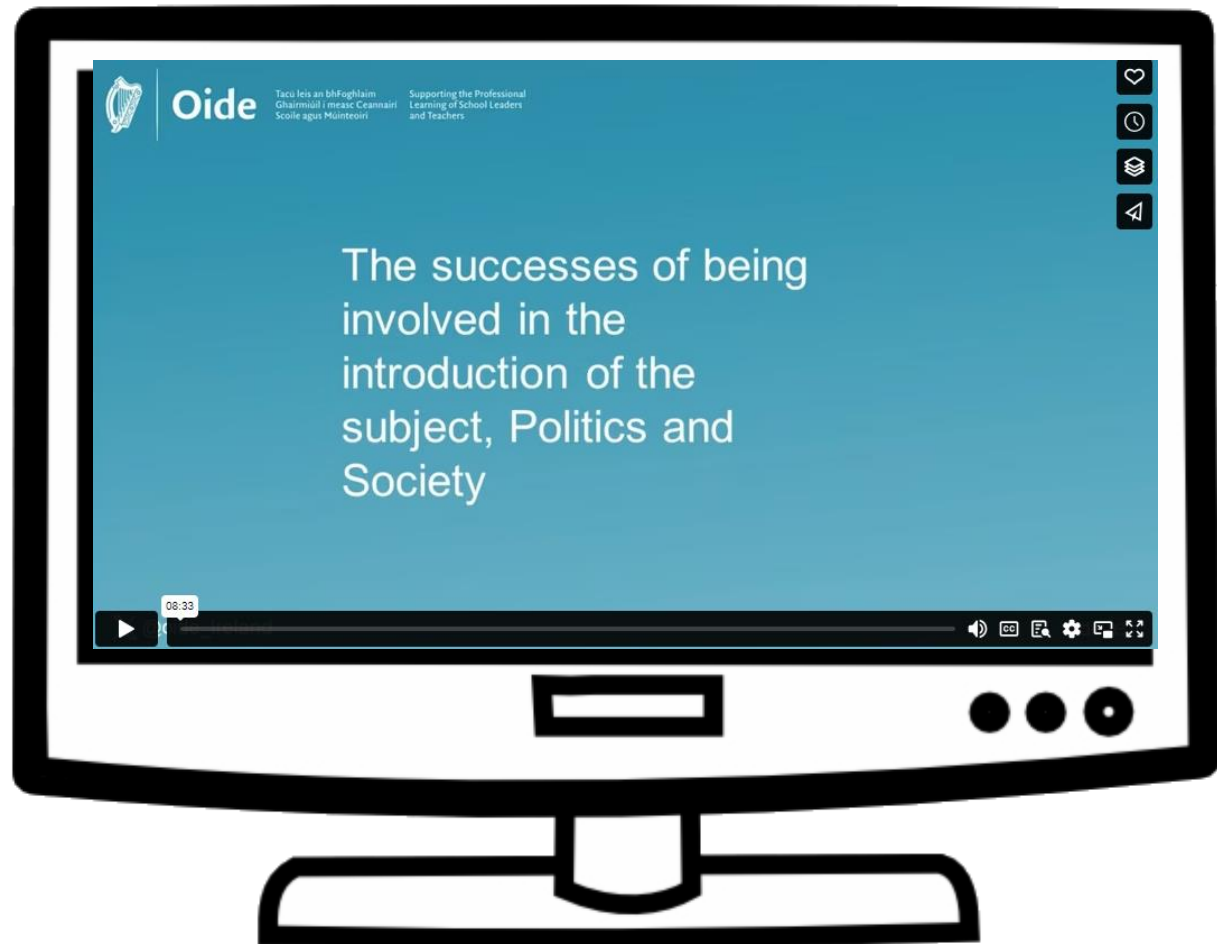


Lundy's Model of Participation





# What could happen in the democratic classroom?



Politics and Society  
Teacher Testimony



Politics and  
Society Student  
Testimony

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# Power and decision making at school

Strongly Agree

Agree

Students should have equal voice in choosing /creating their curriculum and the rules for their school environment.



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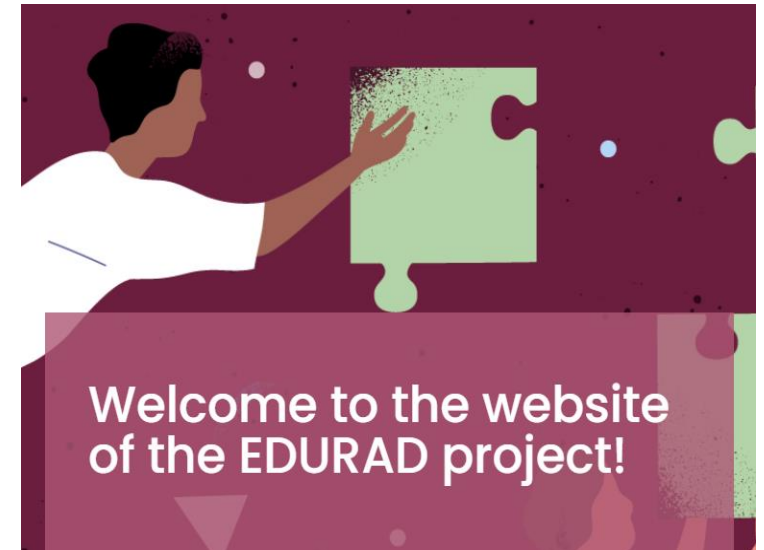
Strongly Disagree

Disagree



# Democratic classrooms: advantages and challenges

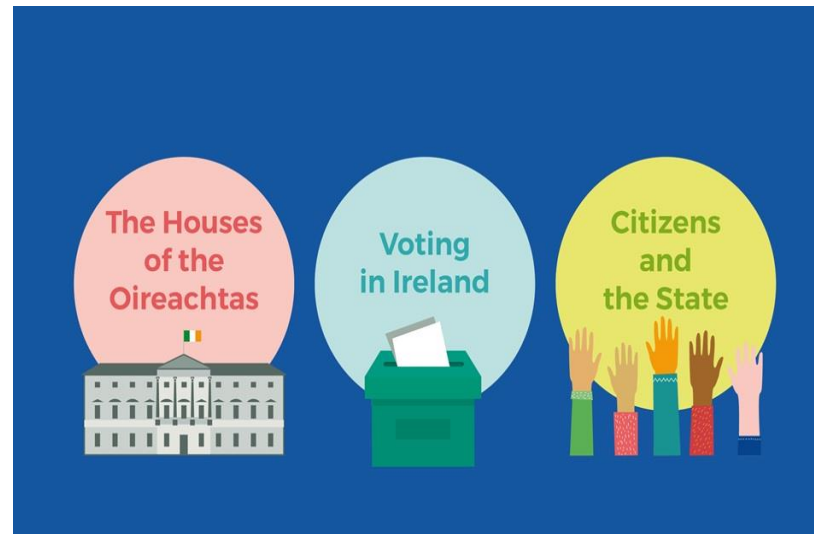
What strategies do you use which promote student participation and create an environment which values diversity?



<https://edurad.eu/> p.11



# Power and decision making at national level



National Youth Assembly of Ireland



An Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais,  
Míchumais, Línpháirtíochta agus Oige  
Department of Children, Equality,  
Disability, Integration and Youth

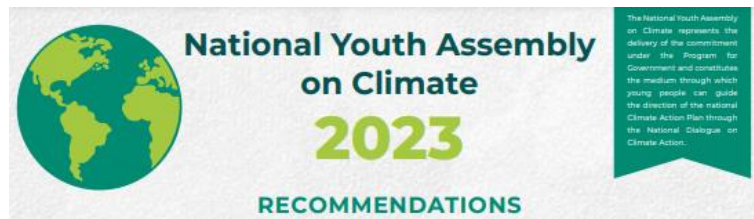
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# Be the change!



How can your students use their power to make positive change?



Green schools

Amber flag

Yellow flag inclusive of all cultures and ethnicities

Active sports flag

Students Council

Comhairle na nÓg

Involvement in local community

Political or sporting organisation

Being an advocate

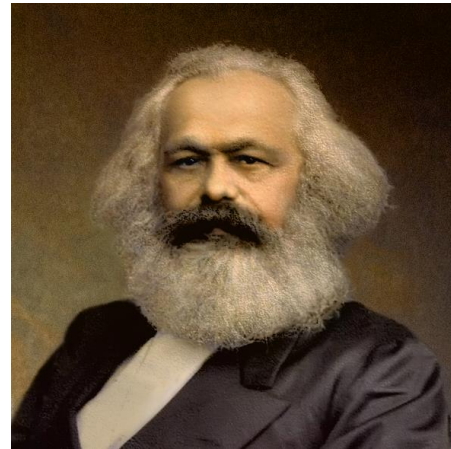
Being aware of local issues



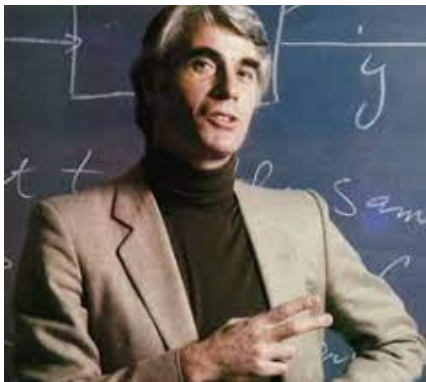
# Key Thinkers in the Politics and Society classroom



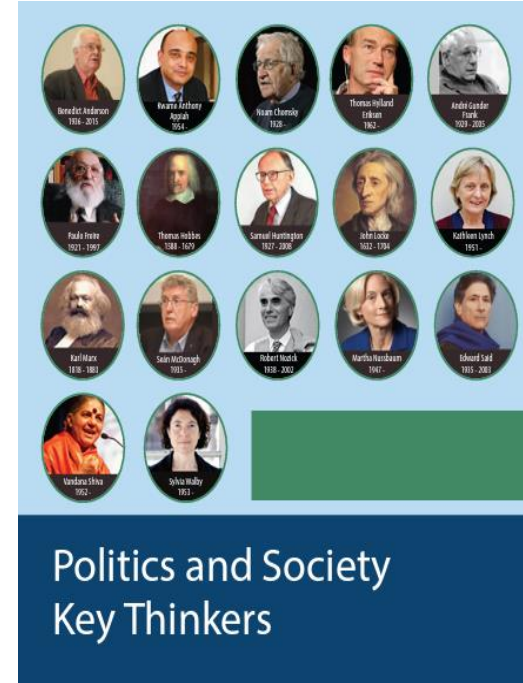
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