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Nuclear protest

This activity will address the pros and cons of nuclear power. Your pupils will be challenged to use language, art and communication skills to present a debate. (Go to *Catch a falling star* in the *Energy info zone* section of this Website for information about the pros and cons of nuclear power.)

You will need

- Research material, either from a visit to a museum or direct contact with a power station (Sellafield has an excellent Website at www.sparkingreaction.com)
- Pens
- Poster-sized paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue

Steps

- 1** List one good thing about nuclear power and one bad thing (based on some research, or after a lesson). Remember the key issues: clean, renewable, cheap, dangerous, waste, human cost, human advantage, warming local oceans, effect on environment.
- 2** Get into groups of three and decide which groups are going to be for, and which against, nuclear power.

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Ask the groups to produce a slogan, a poster and a short speech either for or against nuclear power.

Analysis/ discussion

Display the posters and slogans. Which poster or slogan has the most convincing message?

Use the speeches as the starting point for a debate. What is happening to nuclear power stations in the UK? Do they have a future? Record your conclusions.

Create a newspaper front page based on the issues raised in this activity.