

What are you looking at? - all about CCTV

Visiting the exhibition

Purpose

To test skills of observation and promote enquiry into the nature of surveillance.

Age range (years)



Background

Today Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) surveillance cameras play a vital role in solving crimes. They also record the movements of each and every one of us as we go about our daily lives. How do we feel about being watched in this way?

Steps

During the day of your visit ask students to look out for CCTV surveillance cameras and ask them:

- How many surveillance cameras can you count during the day?
- In what kinds of areas are CCTV cameras most frequent?
- Why do you think they are pointing in the directions they are? To monitor traffic? To watch over a particular building or place? To discourage vandalism or other crimes?
- How does it make you feel knowing that they are recording everything?
- Where would you place CCTV cameras and why?

Extension

The Citizenship activity pack 'Candid Camera' offers a more detailed investigation into issues surrounding CCTV cameras.