

## LESSON 8: THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL STUDENTS RIGHTS

### Lesson aim:

- ↘ To raise awareness among students of their rights.
- ↘ To explore the rights students have and to outline their importance.
- ↘ To examine how important students themselves view school student's rights.

### Learning objectives:

At the end of this lesson students will be able to:

- ↘ identify the rights that they have and understand them;
- ↘ understand how to secure the acknowledgement of those rights; and
- ↘ know where to go to get further information on their rights.

### In class assignment: Understanding the declaration

Give students handout 3 and ask them to read through the Declaration of School Students' Rights. Ensure that all students understand all of the rights. Provide students with Worksheet 12 and ask them to complete it. After completion discuss the worksheet with students.

### Student assignment/activity

Break up into small groups and explore the current situation regarding school students' rights in Ireland by contacting the Irish Second-level Students Union on [studentvoice@issu.ie](mailto:studentvoice@issu.ie) or logging onto [www.issu.ie](http://www.issu.ie).

Groups should then compare the student's rights situation in Ireland to the situation in another European country by contacting the Irish Second-level Students' Union for more information.

(NOTE: Please ensure that each group examines a different European country so that each class gets a broad perspective of the different rights across Europe.)