

# Soap Box Competition

Green-Schools Travel



A Soapbox competition is a public speaking activity that calls young people to speak out on issues that affect them and their communities. A soapbox could be an upturned crate on which a speaker stands to make an impromptu or informal speech.

**Curriculum Links:** *English – Social and Cultural Literacy; speaking to and writing for a variety of audiences*

## How does it work

Identify an issue students are passionate about to create a two minute speech. Speeches have to include researched evidence about their issue and a call to action for listeners. Students then stand up and deliver their two-minute speeches to their peers and a panel of judges.

## Activity

Research and prepare a two minute speech which relates to sustainable travel topics such as walking, cycling, public transport, climate change, air quality. Like it or loathe it, agree or disagree, sustainable travel creates controversy as well as many benefits.

Arrange a venue and a time to deliver your speeches to your peers and a panel of judges who will include experts on the subject – so do your research! The winner of the soapbox competition will be in with a chance to win a selection of prizes.

## Suggested topics:

- Why should we promote sustainable travel?
- Why should people minimise the use of cars?
- Why should we walk/cycle/use public transport/carpool?
- Should public transport be free yes or no?

## Competition Rules:

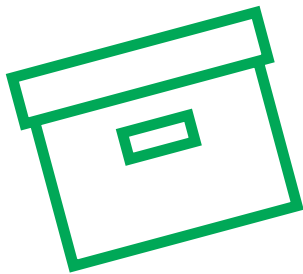
- Speeches must be no longer than two minutes in length
- Speeches must be relevant to the soapbox topic.
- Your speech may be recorded for broadcast on Green-Schools online media
- The decision of the judges is final.



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Have your say!



## Soapbox Topics

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