

Understanding Justice

Justice is often understood under the following headings:

- ▶ Holding Right Relationships
- ▶ Fair Play
- ▶ Retribution
- ▶ The Upholding of Human Rights

Work in pairs and come up with four of your own headings that can be used to understand justice.

Divide your class into groups of six and debate the following statements.

Group 1 are for this statement: 'It is in justice that the ordering of society is centered' (Aristotle).

Group 2 will oppose the above statement.

Group 3 are for this statement: 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere' (Martin Luther King).

Group 4 will oppose the above statement.

Group 5 are for this statement: 'Justice ... consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*).

Group 6 will oppose the above statement.