

Citizenship Foundation



LOOK AT THE NEWS!

L.O. To explore how the media present information

Look through the newspapers/ news articles online with an adult to find acts of kindness on a local, national and international level.

Local



Your task is to search a local newspaper/ news articles online for acts of kindness or generosity on a local level.

Local = around Leicestershire

Who carried out the acts of kindness e.g. individuals, companies? Did the acts of kindness involve money, deeds or ongoing support? Were they carefully considered actions, or immediate responses to a problem?

Was help requested, or did the donor see for themselves that it was needed?

What motivated them to show generosity?

National



Your task is to search a national newspaper / news articles online for acts of kindness or generosity on a National level.

National = in UK

Who carried out the acts of kindness e.g. councils, individuals, companies, charities?

Did the acts of kindness involve money, deeds or ongoing support?

Were they carefully considered actions, or immediate responses to an urgent problem?

Was help requested, or did the donor see for themselves that it was needed?

What motivated them to show generosity?

International



Your task is to search the national newspapers / news articles online for acts of kindness which cross national boundaries.

International = around the world

Who carried out the acts of kindness e.g. governments, charities, companies?

Did the acts of kindness involve money, goods, medical supplies, expertise, personnel, a peacekeeping force etc.?

Were they carefully considered actions, or immediate responses to an urgent problem?

Was help requested, or did the sponsor see for themselves that it was needed?

What motivated them to show generosity?

Acts of kindness in the news

Who Gave to whom	What did they Give	Planned or Emergency?	Was help Requested?	What was the motivation?

1. Look for common factors in the findings, for instance in what was given, and the motivation behind the gift.

2. Can you find the same story in two or more papers. What differences can they see in the way they are reported?

3. What does this tell you about how the sponsor and the recipients are perceived by the editor?

4. What is the balance of good and bad news stories in the paper they have been looking at?

5. Going back to the LO, how do you think the media present information?