

Courtroom Drama



- led by the Urban Heaths Partnership

in conjunction with the Dorset Fire & Rescue Service and Dorset Police

★ To understand what Arson is.

Learning Objectives:

- **★** To be able to identify the dangers and consequences of arson for the heathlands, the communities and the arsonist.
- **★** To take part in a courtroom drama scenario, acting out different parts within the courtroom setting and understanding a range of viewpoints.
- ✓ Urban Heaths Partnership resources brought along include costumes for students and scripts.

Resources:

- ✓ Electronic equipment possibly required projector and screen.
- √ Tables and chairs set up in courtroom scenario (preferably a room is required that is empty prior for UHP to set up).
- 7 students are required to be chosen to enact parts within the courtroom drama; *Accused, *Defence Lawyer, *Judge, *Fire Fighter, *Police Officer, *Elderly Man and *Accused's Friend. These can be pre-chosen and issued scripts prior to session.
- 5min Introduction to people present and what the session is about.

Activity:

- 20min **Main Scenario** students enact their parts, questions raised by Jury.
- 10min Verdict students decide whether the Accused is guilty or not.
- 5min Conclusion Key Messages are read through by UHP & discussed.
- 10-15min **Q&A** usually with Police and/or Fire Service if present.
- 5min **Evaluations** requested if time allows.
- **★** Students will understand why heathlands are important.
- ★ Students will acknowledge that fire is dangerous.
- ★ Students will know that arson is considered a serious crime.

Outcome:

- ★ Students will consider arguments and be able to react in a way which can further the viewpoint they represent.
- ★ Students will take part to identify the consequences of arson through Q&A session.