Issues Online

Resources for schools, colleges & libraries

What is Issues Online?

Issues Online provides teachers and students with a safe, reliable place to explore today's most important social issues. It contains hundreds of articles, infographics, videos, assignment ideas and eBooks on topics ranging from human rights and domestic violence to drugs and alcohol.

Who uses Issues Online?

Issues Online is a cross-curricular resource, used most extensively by teachers and students of KS3 and KS4 (S4, S5, S6 in Scotland:

- PSHE
- Citzenship
- Religious Studies/Philosophy
- Geography
- Business Studies
- Media Studies
- Sociology (Families/Media/Education/Religion/Law)
- English (for debating, promoting crictical thinking etc.)
- General Studies
- Health & Social Care
- Travel & Tourism
- Philosophy
- Ethics
- Humanities

Key features of Issues Online

Articles- We work with charities and organisations such as Amnesty International, NHS Choices and the World Health Organization to license articles that present different perspectives surrounding a topic. There are over 2,000 articles available as part of Issues Online – all of which are regularly updated to ensure that content remains current. Each article lists its source and a website that can be visited for further information. We also provide a list of useful websites in each individual topic area.

Videos- For each topic, where relevant, we embed a selection of videos. These videos allow students to explore topics in a visual way, without visiting external sites and discovering inappropriate material.

Key Statistics (infographics and graphs) - Our Key Statistics break down current information into the form of graphs, infographics and maps – presenting complex statistics in an easy-to-understand format.

eBooks - The full catalogue of Issues eBooks are available as part of the Issues Online platform. They are presented as flip-book versions of the printed titles, in full colour, with the ability to zoom in and out.

Glossary - Alongside each article, is a group of key words associated with its corresponding topic. When the user hovers over the glossary term, the definition pops up. Key words can also be browsed in the 'glossary' section of the site.

Assignments and Teachers' Resources - Each topic has a list of corresponding assignment suggestions. These include tasks such as staging class debates, creating leaflets or posters for a charitable campaign and writing blog posts. Teachers can access the assignments through the quick-link in the Teachers' Resources section, to save time and aid speedy lesson planning.

Librarians' Resources - Includes posters to promote Issues and Issues Online, the termly Issues index and National Awareness Day posters that can be used to promote days such as Self-harm Awareness Day. You can also download login cards to give to students and Issues Online logos.

Access

Users can login from home or school with a username and password, via IP access when on campus, or through their chosen VLE. Issues Online is also responsive, so it will work on any tablet or mobile device without the need to download an app. It can also be displayed on any interactive whiteboard with a web browser.

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