

Activity 2 | Key concepts (40 min)

(discussion) The filming of the children in this series began in 1992, the year of the Rio Earth Summit, and documents how their lives have been affected by changes in the world around them. The Rio Earth Summit was the first global conference on climate change and world leaders came together to set goals to improve the state of the world and ensure a healthy future for generations to come. Thinking back to the clips of the children, as a class make a list of some of the issues the world faced in 1992. Possible answers: poverty, resource depletion, adapting to the end of the cold war and apartheid, job insecurity). Are some of the things (all of the things?) on the list still a problem today?

(activity) One of the outcomes of the Rio Earth Summit was the coining of the term 'sustainable development'. In this activity students will become experts on several key concepts: sustainable development, globalisation and poverty. Divide the class into pairs and give a third of the pairs an expert sheet on 'poverty', a third an expert sheet on 'sustainable development', and a third an expert sheet on 'globalisation' **(worksheet 2)**. Ask each pair to spend 10 min becoming an expert on their topic noting down key information. Then ask pairs to form groups of four with a different expert pair and take turns sharing what they have learnt. If there's time, ask all the groups to feed back to the whole class.