

LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO

DEBATE CARDS ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL V UNSUSTAINABLE PALM OIL

Motion: should palm oil plantations be sustainable or unsustainable?

Photocopy the following information on to card and cut out to give to individual/ pairs of children to research for a debate.

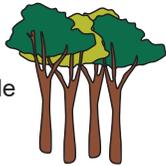
All the cards relate to people who have an interest in whether palm oil production occurs or not.

LOGGER

A logger needs to earn a living through the cutting down trees in the rainforest.

He plants new trees.

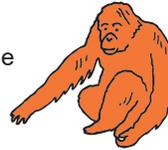
He or she is in favour of sustainable palm oil production.



CONSERVATIONIST

A conservationist will understand how deforestation is affecting the rainforest and its inhabitants.

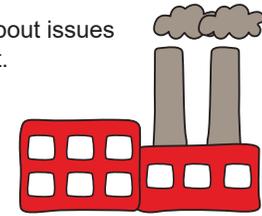
He or she is in favour of sustainable palm oil.



SCIENTIST

A scientist is concerned about issues related to the environment.

He or she is in favour of sustainable palm oil.



LOCAL INHABITANT

A local person who believes that plantations are a welcome the opportunity for work to provide for the family.

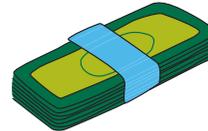
He or she is in favour of palm oil production (but is only in favour of sustainable palm oil production).



PALM OIL PLANTATION OWNER

The owner of a plantation wants to earn a decent living but will people continue to buy the palm oil if it is unsustainable?

He or she is in favour of sustainable palm oil production.



SUPERMARKET CEO

The chief executive of a supermarket chain may recognise the widespread use of palm oil in products but also the environmental impact of unsustainable palm oil.

He or she is in favour of sustainable palm oil production.



MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT

Oil palm plantations have been financially very beneficial for the country, bringing in a better way of living for the people living there.

However, he/she is worried about the environment and whether countries will buy unsustainable palm oil products.



MANUFACTURER

Sustainable palm oil is generally better quality. The general public will be looking to buy products with sustainable palm oil. I need to use sustainable palm oil so that my product is bought in the future.

He or she is in favour of sustainable palm oil.



LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO

DEBATE CARDS ON SUSTAINABLE PALM OIL V UNSUSTAINABLE PALM OIL

Motion: Should plantations grow oil palm for palm oil production?

You will need to research the information for your debate from the point of view of someone who has a specific interest in palm oil production.

LOGGER

A logger needs to earn a living through the cutting down of trees in the rainforest.

Wood is a valuable resource for paper, furniture and construction and continued deforestation means that trees are easily obtainable.

He or she is in favour of unsustainable palm oil.



PLANTATION WORKER

A plantation worker wants to continue working in the same way he or she has always worked. He does not wish to learn new methods required in a sustainable oil palm plantation.

He or she is in favour of unsustainable palm oil plantations.



SUPERMARKET CEO

The chief executive of a supermarket chain may recognise the widespread use of palm oil in products and does not wish to lose these sales.

He or she is in favour of unsustainable oil plantations.



LOCAL INHABITANT

A local person welcomes the opportunity for work to provide for the family and huge areas of plantations has increased this opportunity.

He or she is in favour of all palm oil production.



PALM OIL PLANTATION OWNER

The owner of a plantation wants to earn a decent living but does not want to introduce new methods of working. Deforestation of forest provides land for these plantations.

He or she is in favour of unsustainable oil palm plantations.



MEMBER OF GOVERNMENT

Oil palm plantations have been financially greatly beneficial for the country, bringing in more wealth and a better way of living for the people living there.

He or she is in favour of the continued, fast production of all palm oil plantations.



MANUFACTURER

We need to make products as cheaply as possible. I need to establish my product and sustainable palm oil may prove too expensive to use.

He or she is in favour of unsustainable palm oil production.

