



## ARK School Resource



### Introduction

The aim of the **ARK in Schools** project is to provide suitable Northern Ireland-specific educational material for schools, organisations working with young people and for young people themselves. This material will support the school curricula in subjects such as Learning for Life and Work (incorporating Local and Global Citizenship Education, and Personal, Health and Social Education (PSHE)), Education for Mutual Understanding (EMU), Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE), Sociology, Politics and IT.

ARK has a single goal: to make social science information on Northern Ireland available to the widest possible audience. The ARK in Schools resources and modules have therefore been developed to:

- encourage students to develop a better understanding of Northern Ireland - the society they live in;
- encourage students to use the internet to search for information that they can use to support their school work.

Many of the activities in the **ARK in Schools** tutorials are delivered through discussion, debates and small group work. These are designed to support the development of communication skills of young people.

The modules and tutorials in the **ARK in Schools** Resources build on information and data that are freely available online – either internally through the ARK website ([www.ark.ac.uk](http://www.ark.ac.uk)) or via external national and international websites. The modules can either be used to complement existing teaching resources or can stand alone to cover requirements of the curriculum. Schools are encouraged to access the websites referred to in the **ARK in Schools** tutorials and modules during the lessons; however, if online facilities are not available, the relevant information are also contained in the worksheets of the modules.

The **ARK in Schools** website ([www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/schools](http://www.ark.ac.uk/ylt/schools)) provides comprehensive information about additional topic-related material, such as downloadable brief Research Updates or other relevant websites. **ARK does not charge for the access of any of data and does not require users to register.**



Each module in the **ARK in Schools** series contains:

**For teachers:**

- A schedule for the unit;
- Factsheets for the unit;
- A 'How to?' page with detailed instructions how to access relevant data.

**For students:**

- Worksheets for each unit;
- Handouts for each unit.

The following modules are currently available:

<b>Module</b>	<b>Intended for use in:</b>
1. European Union	Local and Global Citizenship: Key Stage 4 Learning for Work and Life: Key Stage 4 Cross-curricular use
2. Young People and Crime	Local and Global Citizenship: Key Stage 4 Sociology: AS and A2-level
3. Northern Ireland – a diverse society (3 units): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are my identities?</li><li>• What is my local community like?</li><li>• Is there a global citizen?</li></ul>	Local and Global Citizenship: Key Stage 3 EMU Sociology: AS level Politics: AS level
4. Democracy in Action - Elections in Northern Ireland	Local and Global Citizenship: Key Stage 3 Sociology: AS level Politics: AS level
5. Focus on the Environment	Local and Global Citizenship: Key Stage 3 Geography: GCSE (Theme C) AS and A2-level (Module 4)
6. Gender and Family Roles	RSE: Key Stage 3 and 4 PSHE: Key Stage 3 and 4 Social and Environmental Studies: GCSE
7. Smoking, Drinking, Drugs and Sex – Staying in control	PSHE (Health and Drugs Education): GCSE
8. Emotional Wellbeing	Learning for Life and Work Personal Development Cross-curricular use