



school radio

Discussion Programs

Overview: Discussion programs have been a big part of talk radio ever since the very earliest broadcasts. The purpose of a discussion program is to inform the listening about topic or at least the view points of the people involved with the discussion. Discussion shows have a number of similarities to interviews but tend to be less scripted and structured. Discussion shows frequently engage the audience via live telephone calls or emailed/tweeted questions or views.

Running a radio discussion program can be a challenge but the reward is often engaging, imaginative radio that will connect with your listeners in a unique way.

Key skills used include:

- Research and preparation.
- Loose question writing and annotation.
- Close listening and comprehension skills.
- Guest / presenter management.
- Spoken language skills, formal presentations & participating in debate
- Development of confidence & competence in spoken language

Key Stage Goals

English

- **Statutory Requirement (Spoken Language, Years 1 -6):** Pupils should be taught to:
 - *listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers. (page 18)*
 - *ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge. (page 18)*
 - *articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions. (page 18)*
 - *give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings. (page 18)*
 - *speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English. (page 18)*