

Handout on Chicken Run

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(Source: Irene Guijt)

'Chicken Run' is a great animated movie for children, and is really all about citizenship and rights and many forms of power. It is readily available online or from DVD and video rental shops. If time allows, the whole film can be shown (for example in the evening, if a residential workshop).

If time is short, show a selection of short scenes as a warm-up or during a break. The timing of suggested scenes is given below. After each scene, stop the film and ask learners what forms of power they see in action.

"Really interesting discussions, plenty of opportunity to clarify fuzzy understandings, and lots of fun!" – Irene Guijt

Timing sequences to go with the film Chicken Run are as follows:

1:00 to 4:00 – gives context and various forms of power

8:00 to 9:25

17:50 to around 19:00

24:00 to 28:00 - collective action

57:00 (starting there, no finish time noted) - power as knowledge

1 hour 2 minutes - collective power (building the plane)

The below text can be a handout to go along with the film and discussion:

"Now, the most important thing is, we have to work as a team, which means: you do everything I tell you." Rocky, the rooster in 'Chicken Run'.

Sound familiar? Based on own (bitter?) experience? Ever thought you'd hear a rooster utter these words? So what do the chickens think about it? And what does all this have to do with POWER? ...?? During the sessions we will show segments of the animated movie 'Chicken Run' to illustrate a wide range of forms of power – power over, power with, power to, invisible, visible and hidden power ...

After that we'll direct our focus on [*organization name*]'s own 'chicken run'.

"You know what the problem is? The fences aren't just round the farm. They're up here, in your heads. There's a better place out there, somewhere beyond that hill, and it has wide open places, and lots of trees... and grass. Can you imagine that? Cool, green grass." Ginger, the hen (who appears to have a somewhat different perspective on power than Rocky)

For a taster, go to <http://www.aardman.com/chickenrun/>