

## **Balloon Exercise - Split class into small groups and handout Balloon exercise sheet**

### The Scenario

6 people are trapped in a hot air balloon that is in danger of crashing into the Atlantic Ocean with a full load. Rescue Services are there but there is only time to save 2 people.

- A young doctor recently qualified.
- A single parent with 2 young children.
- A priest who has done missionary work abroad.
- An elderly lady with a heart condition.
- A middle aged man who has been unemployed for 3 years.
- A lawyer who specialises in domestic violence.

### Instructions:

- a. Decide which two people should be saved.
- b. Decide in which order the other people should jump.
- c. Write down decisions on the sheet.
- d. Feedback to others explaining your decisions.

### Conclusion of Balloon Exercise

Idea is to find out all information before making a decision. Give the actual profiles (see below) and ask if this information would have altered their decisions.

### **Actual Profiles:**

#### **Doctor**

- 31 Years old.
- Currently suspended due to suspicious circumstance whilst on duty.
- Had to resit exams twice before finally qualifying.

#### **Single Parent**

- Male.
- Children are in care due to his drinking problem.
- He has a criminal record for theft.
- Is currently unemployed.

#### **Priest**

- Has worked in Africa helping to feed and treat orphans.
- Is due to go to Ethiopia.

- Whilst in UK – helps out at homeless shelters.

### **Elderly Lady**

- 60 Years Old.
- Due to have a heart transplant.
- Raises £1000s for the homeless.

### **Unemployed Man**

- 33 Years old
- Currently unemployed as he is looking after 3 young children.
- His wife has just left him
- He has a degree in Engineering

### **The Lawyer**

- Does legal aid, helping low income families.
- Has helped lots of people gain £1000s worth of compensation