Open Discussion

LEVEL

Advanced (C1)

NUMBER

EN_OD_C1_01

LANGUAGE

English

Let's talk about...

In this lesson, you'll have the opportunity to review vocabulary and practise your conversational skills.

Politics and current affairs

No need to share this screen,
just **get talking**!

Useful language:

- *healthcare facilities*
- *education system*
- *unemployment*
- *environmental protection*
- *transport services*
- *economic decline*
- *to have no future*
- *to turn a blind eye*

Teacher Notes

*This lesson provides an opportunity for students to discuss all kinds of topics relating to **politics** and **current affairs**.*

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES:

- **Compare** political systems in different countries around the world. Compare advantages and disadvantages.
- **Identify** common political challenges facing different countries around the world.
- **Debate** a controversial political issue that's in the news at the moment, assigning learners topics to research and present arguments for and against.
- **Identify** an interesting political news story or analysis. **Read** and **discuss** it together.
- **Ask** learners to find and present an interesting political story.
- **Role play** politicians preparing a new policy.
- **Write** and **present** a short political speech on a relevant issue.

Discussion questions:

- *What political news stories have you read recently?*
- *What's the political climate like in (your country)? Why?*
- *How has the COVID-19 pandemic changed politics in (your country)?*
- *What do you see as the biggest political challenges facing (the world) today?*
- Are there any *political leaders you currently admire? Why?*

Useful resources:

The Guardian International
BBC News
Politico
NPR Politics