

## STARS A TFL COMMUNITY PROJECT



### **Road Safety Debate**





### **Objectives**



Understand how mobile phones can be a distraction on the roads.



Understand how to plan for and take part in a formal debate



Understand what debating skills and qualities you already have





### What is a debate?



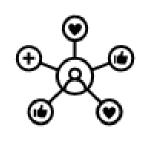
- A debate is a structured discussion about an issue, with rules and guidelines to follow.
- A formal debate involves two sides: one supporting an argument and one opposing it.
- Debates are normally judged in order to declare a winning side.

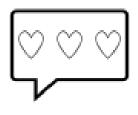




# What skills and qualities make a good debater?







Influential

Passion



Listening



Subject Knowledge



Calm under pressure





#### Debate rules

Debates have rules to follow...

Do	Don't
State your point clearly and decisively	Offend or insult your opponents
Be respectful and fair	Get angry
Use humour, you don't have to be serious. Making jokes can help get the audience on your side!	Don't shout or raise your voice. The loudest doesn't mean the best argument.

Can you think of any other rules that might help make our debate go smoothly?





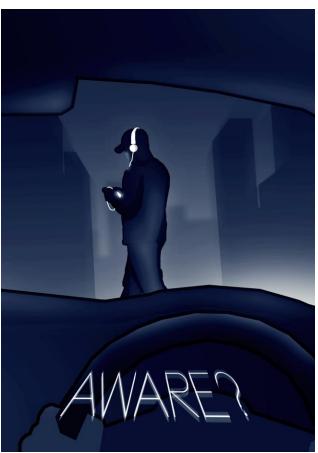


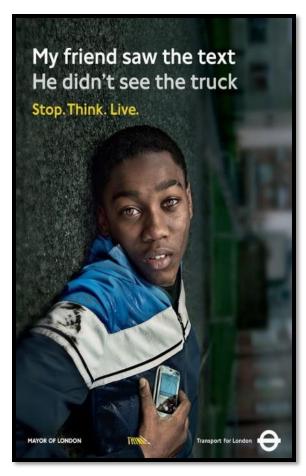
#### The Zombie Pedestrian



# What are the messages in each of these posters?



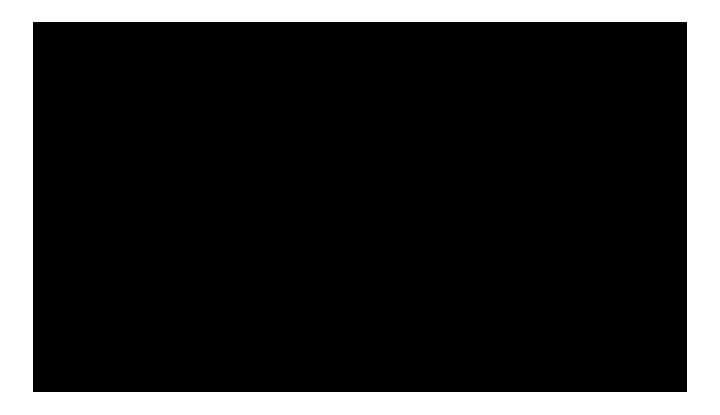








### Telephone Love



What are the key messages in the film?

How could the ending have been avoided?

### Pedestrian Safety in the News...



Say goodbye to bumping into distracted phone addicts ( Image: AO Mobile)

NEWS POLITICS FOOTBALL CELEBS TV MONEY ROYALS

Manchester opens UK's first slow lane for people looking at phones while walking

Have we slipped too far into the technology-obsessed abyss?

Pavement lights guide 'smartphone zombies'

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Are there better ways to deal with this issue?





### Opinions...



What do YOU think?



"We don't want people to use phones when they're dealing with traffic... when walking around."

"People must always look around them, to check if cars are actually stopping at the red signals."

"Ridiculous suggestion. If they're looking at their smartphones, they're hardly going to notice some sign on the ground! You may as well attach a warning to a lamp post saying Do not walk into me!"



### Opinions...



#### What do YOU think?



A ban on pedestrians looking at mobile phones or texting while crossing the street will take effect in Hawaii's largest city with fines of \$15 to \$99







### Pedestrian Safety in the News...



'Even if there were public education programmes to "nudge" people off their phones, there would still be those who continued with "undesirable behaviour" or made mistakes.'



'An advisor said it was a "myth" people could "multi-task" walking and using their phone safely. Research has shown they are 18 per cent slower as well as being distracted, which increases the risk of accidents.'



'A survey last year by Deloitte found that 2I per cent of I6- to 24-year-olds admitted using their phone while crossing the road.'







### Education or Signage?

#### A question of education?

People need to be less
distracted when they are
traveling. To make safer
pedestrians, we should educate
people to look up, rather than
look down at their phones.

#### A question of signage?

The zombie pedestrian is real and in order to make people safer, we should have texting lanes and road signs on the ground. This will help make us all a lot safer.







### Let's get ready to debate!

5 minutes to share the arguments you discussed in small groups with the rest of your team

In your team decide on 3 main arguments to take forward to the debate.

Decide on 3 speakers to represent the team in the debate





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### Final thoughts poll



Which activities do you think

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- I. An assembly
- 2. A distractions obstacle course
  - 3. A drama workshop
    - 4. Making a pledge

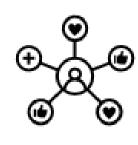
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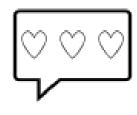




# What debating skills and qualities did you practice today?







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