

# Win-Win Role-Plays

## Scenario 1

For years your school has contemplated having uniforms. The principal and vice-principals, along with the parent council, have agreed that uniforms will be implemented in the next school year. The students are upset that this decision has been made without their input. Many are against wearing uniforms because doing so would limit their ability to express their individuality. The student council has requested a meeting with the principal and the parent council to discuss this situation.

### Roles

a student council, a principal, a parent council, an observer

## Scenario 2

Your parish has offered a Sunday evening coffeehouse for senior youth for the past year. It is an informal event where young people can drop in, chat, and listen to music. It has been received well by the young people. The coordinating team provides some music, but the young people are also welcome to bring music that does not contain offensive language. Recently, because of complaints from parishioners, the pastor and parish council have informed the coordinating team that only liturgical music can be played during the coffeehouse. The parishioners who made the complaint think that it is not appropriate to play other music in the church—a sacred space—and believe that the music the youth were playing did not promote Christian values. The coordinating team believes that the new rule will decrease the number of young people who attend and change the atmosphere of the evening. They have requested a meeting with the pastor and the parish council chair.

### Roles

a coordinating team, a pastor, a parish council chair, an observer

## Scenario 3

For months a group of your close friends has been planning to attend a New Year's Eve party about forty-five minutes north of your community. Recently a group of teenagers were killed on the highway north of the community while returning from a weekend getaway. Your concerned parents have talked it over and decided they are not allowing their teens to attend the party. You and your friends are very disappointed. As a group, you have requested a formal meeting with all your parents to discuss this matter.

### Roles

a group of friends, a group of parents, an observer

## Scenario 4

Recently at lunch at your school, a fight broke out between two guys over one of your girlfriends. The supervising teacher, knowing that you and a friend were taking this training session, has asked both of you to use the win-win process in mediation to help the guys solve their differences. Your role is to help the guys go through the win-win steps and come up with a solution they can both live with.

### Roles

two guys, two mediators, one or more observers