

Advantages Auction – Bidding Card

What in society gives somebody advantages over others? There is no guarantee of success, but advantages can give you a head start. Below is a list of advantages. Spend time determining what your group wants to buy and can afford. Determine your starting bid price and the maximum price you are willing to pay. You will not be able to afford everything and some people might be willing to spend more than you to win it. So be strategic in deciding what is important.

You have € _____ to spend.

WANT	ITEM	VALUE	LOW BID	HIGH BID	WON
	COLLEGE EDUCATION				
	EXPENSIVE WARDROBE				
	CAR				
	PROPERTY				
	CONNECTED FRIENDS				
	LIVING IN A PEACEFUL NATION				
	PARTNER				
	WEALTHY FAMILY				
	SOCIAL STATUS				
	INTELLIGENCE				
	CITIZENSHIP IN A WEALTHY COUNTRY				
	FIT AND HEALTHY BODY				
	GOOD LOOKS				
	COMPUTER AND A SMART PHONE				
	GOOD JOB				
	INHERITED WEALTH				
	EDUCATION				
	EDUCATED PARENTS				
	FARM				
	CHILDREN				
	HEALTHCARE				
	SECURITY				
	MAJORITY POWER				

Instructions:

1. Divide the group into 4 bidding tables. Each table is given a bidding card and some money (written on the top of each card). The amount given to each table should vary. 1000, 800, 500, 250
2. Ask groups to spend 5-10 minutes determining what are priorities and what they are willing or can afford to spend on it.
3. Conduct the auction
4. After the auction discuss the outcomes with participants
 - Were they happy with the result?
 - How do they think their advantages will help lead them to success?
 - How much was your result based on chance, tactics, advantage?
 - How did they define the success they were after?
 - Did they include their long-term happiness?
 - What advantages do we have here in Ireland that we take for granted?
 - What advantages do we have personally that we take for granted?
 - How important is it to you that resources are used to give people a fair start in life?
 - How well does our world do in providing people with a fair start in life?
 - What benefit does a more equal world bring?