**Lesson Plan Package 3 – Controversial Issues**

**LP6 – Crime and Rehabilitation**

Activity: A ‘Camp’-Style Argument

Should the government rehabilitate convicted persons with life sentences?

*Resource: List of Statements, to be cut up and put into two envelopes, one for each ‘camp’*

FIVE COMMON (though they don’t know it) STATEMENTS

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| People leaving prison having served many years are more likely to reoffend |
| We must consider that people who have committed those serious crimes are severely mentally unwell |
| The government has a duty to protect its citizens and residents from violence and suffering |
| We must factor in the cost: ultimately we shouldn’t burden the taxpayer |
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3 Fake ‘NO’ Statements to give to the YES Camp

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| You immediately lose your human rights once you’ve committed such a serious crime |
| Rehabilitating them would be an insult to the victims and put everyone in society in danger |
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3 Fake ‘YES’ Statements to give to the NO Camp

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| People who have committed crimes need more help than people who haven’t |
| The government has enough money for everyone and former criminals should be a priority |
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