

EDGELANDS

Discussion Cards Deck

28 images and questions to spark discussion of the issues raised in the film

This card deck was co-designed over many discussions with the actors and film-maker, professionals, and experts with lived experience of the issues.

Show the film, then use these cards in small groups.

We've included three kinds of questions, to help you move gradually into exploring the issues. Start by looking at the characters in general. Then look at some of the things they say. Then ask about their motivations.



Suggestions for use...

Don't use the cards one after another like an interview. They are better as conversation-starters, rather than Q&A.

You could lay out all the cards of one colour, and ask people to pick which cards they would like to talk about – and which they wouldn't. The process of choosing can be just as interesting as asking directly for answers to the questions.



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Three kinds of discussion starter...

Characters

Quotations

Motivations

Pass

Joker



Leo



Laura



Leo's mum



The landlord



Jaimie



Ethan



The shopkeeper

**Leo: “I’ve been kicked
out of school.”**

Laura: “What for?”

**Leo: “I’m my mum’s
carer.”**

**Leo: “I’m going to do
the shopping.”**

Leo: “How come your mum kicked you out?”

Laura: “Probably because I’m the only one that actually tells her how bad she is.”

Laura: “She has a different fella round every weekend, and you’d have thought it’d make her happier, but she’s always just sad when they leave on Sunday.”

Landlord:

**“Two weeks’ rent.
Two weeks due!
I’m taking it, it’s
coming with me.”**

Leo's mum:

**“Leo, what’s
going on?”**

**Leo: “Mum,
everything’s
fine.”**

Laura: “Can I get some pills?”

Ethan: “Do you have the money for them?”

Laura: “I’ll have it tomorrow.”

Ethan: “Tomorrow’s not good enough, I need it by today. It’s not mine.”

Laura: “Jaimie and his mates are coming right now, he’s going to let me stay at his house for free.”

Leo: “He’s gonna use you, he’s not gonna let you stay for free.”

**When Laura gives
Leo a hug in the
first scene, what
does it tell us
about her?**

**How does the Leo
we see at home
compare with
the Leo we see at
school?**

**Why does Leo hide
the problems
he's having
from his mum?**

**What do you think
life was like
for Laura at home?**

**Why did Leo send
Laura away after
the landlord took
the microwave?**

**Why did the
shopkeeper let
Laura keep the
things that she
stole?**

**Why do you think
Laura wants to
take drugs?**

**How do you think
Laura copes with
school after
sleeping in
the toilet?**

**Why do you think
the young boys
get involved
in drug dealing?**

**What is Leo
thinking and
feeling when we
see him in the
bathroom?**

**How much control
does Laura have
over what happens
to her in Jaimie's
house?**

**Why do the
runners steal from
Jaimie's house?**

**What do you think
happens next?**