

EDGELANDS

Discussion Cards Deck

41 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 in three sections: Leo (0:00–6:27); Laura (6:28–8:38); and Jaimie (8:39–13:48). After each section, use the cards in small groups.

Each section includes three kinds of questions, to help you move gradually into exploring the issues. Start with questions about the plot and characters of *Edgelands*. Then look for links with people's own experiences. Finally, think about the wider issues that are being raised.



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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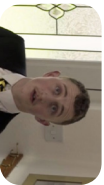
Three kinds of discussion starter...

Edgelands

**Personal
experience**

**Wider
issues**

Three sections of the film...



Leo

[0:00–6:27]



Laura

[6:28–8:38]



Jaimie

[8:39–13:48]

Pass

Joker

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

Section 1: Leo

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

Section 1: Leo

**How much
responsibility
does Leo have
at home? How
do you think it
feels?**

Section 1: Leo

**What does
Leo's mum
think about
him being
kicked out of
school?**

Section 1: Leo

**Where
does Leo go
shopping?
Why does he
call it that?**

Section 1: Leo

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

Section 1: Leo

How does Leo respond when he learns that Laura has been kicked out of home? What does this tell us about him?

Section 1: Leo

**Why do you
think Leo
tells Laura
to leave him
alone after
the landlord
takes the
microwave?**

Section 1: Leo

**How do you
think Leo is
feeling after
the landlord
takes the
microwave?**

Section 1: Leo

**Why does Leo
tell his mum
everything
is fine after
the landlord
takes the
microwave?**

Section 1: Leo

**What makes it
hard for you to
concentrate at
school?**

Section 1: Leo

**Do you have
to look after
any other
members of
your family?
How does
it make you
feel?**

Section 1: Leo

**Do you know
anyone who
has had
belongings
repossessed?**

Section 1: Leo

**Where would
you turn if you
had no home
to go to?**

Section 1: Leo

**Have you ever
had to go
without food?
How did it
feel?**

Section 1: Leo

**Why is using
a food bank
different from
going to the
shops?**

Section 1: Leo

**How could the
school have
responded
more
supportively
to Leo's
situation?**

Section 1: Leo

**What would
help Leo and
his mum to
cope better?**

Section 1: Leo

**Should
people have
to depend on
food banks to
get by?**

Section 1: Leo

**How did Leo
end up having
a landlord
taking his
belongings?
What would
have helped
him avoid it?**

Section 1: Leo

What does Laura steal? What does this tell you about her circumstances?

Section 2: Laura

**Why do you
think the
shopkeeper
lets Laura
keep the
things that
she's stolen?**

Section 2: Laura

What are the young boys doing? How is this affecting other young people in the community?

Section 2: Laura

Is it ever right to steal?

Section 2: Laura

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

Section 2: Laura

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

Section 2: Laura

**Is it right
that girls and
women should
have to pay
for sanitary
products?**

Section 2: Laura

**What help
should have
been there
for Laura
when she was
kicked out?**

Section 2: Laura

**Why would
young
children get
involved in
drug dealing?
How can we
stop that
happening?**

Section 2: Laura

**What do we
learn about Leo
when he tries
to persuade
Laura not to
stay at Jaimie's
house?**

Section 3: Jaimie

Why does Jaimie threaten Leo with a knife?

Section 3: Jaimie

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

Section 3: Jaimie

**What kind
of house
is Jaimie's
place? Who is
there?**

Section 3: Jaimie

How much control do you think Laura has of what happens to her in the house?

Section 3: Jaimie

**What might
happen to the
boys after
they steal
from Jaimie's
house?**

Section 3: Jaimie

**What do you
think happens
next at the end
of the film?**

Section 3: Jaimie

**What would
you have done
if you were
in Laura's
situation?**

Section 3: Jaimie

**What would
you like to
happen next?**

Section 3: Jaimie

**Have you
experienced
any of the
situations that
Laura and Leo
faced?**

Section 3: Jaimie

What other options did Laura have, apart from staying at Jaimie's house?

Section 3: Jaimie

**What might
get in the way
of a 'Happy
ever after'
ending?**

Section 3: Jaimie

**What
issues and
challenges
do you think
Leo and Laura
might face?**

Section 3: Jaimie