

Activity Sheet 1.9

Role Card 3

Plantation Workers



'We used to live on our own small farms until the government took the land for growing cash crops to pay off the national debt. We were promised good work by the government on its new cut-flower plantations but our wages are very low and many of our children cannot go to school because we need them to work with us to earn extra money.

Our work on the plantation is strictly controlled by the plantation managers.

We have heard about flower companies that have a code to protect their workers and look after the environment but we do not have that here.'



'I am 14 years old and I work on a local flower farm picking carnations for 9 hours a day to help my family.

I've been asked to start spraying pesticides on flowers but I've not been trained or given a mask or overalls to wear. Also, I've heard from some other workers that I shouldn't be spraying crops until I'm 18, and that workers have become ill from spraying.'