

Script:

THE SKATE PARK

Scene 1

(Teenagers are in the park skateboarding. There are some children playing. Their mothers are worried about their children's safety. Teenagers are climbing over the facilities in the playground.)

Mother: Hey, you're not supposed to be here. You're going to hurt someone.

Teenager 1: Sorry, Madam. But where else can we go?

(The teenagers continue not paying attention to the angry mother. She calls the security guard.)

Mother: Good morning, Sir. Some teenagers are climbing over the facilities in the playground. They may hurt our children. Can you tell them to stop skateboarding?

Security guard: Hey, guys, you have to leave the playground. It's for children only.

Teenager 2: We don't have anywhere to go. What do you suggest us to do?

Security guard: These are the rules. You have to follow them.

Teenager 5: Come on, guys. Let's go!

Scene 2

(Teenagers decide to do something to protect their rights. They discuss the situation.)

Teenager 3: What shall we do now?

Teenager 4: Let's roll one, dude. Have you got cigarettes?

Teenager 2: Guys, stop it. We have a problem. We must do something.

Teenager 5: Forget about it. Nothing will come out. Let's go and get some beer.

Teenager 1: so you wanna quit skateboarding and become alcoholics...losers? Ah?

Teenager 2: She's right. We have a problem and we have to face it.

Teenager 3: so what do you suggest?

Teenager 2: What about going to the Town Hall and see how we can solve the problem out.

Scene 3

(At the Town Hall)

Teenager 4: Hello!

(The lady doesn't pay any attention. She is talking on the phone)

Teenager 4: Hello, Madam. Can you help us? We'd like to ask you something.

Lady at the desk: What?

Teenager 2: We were made to leave the park. We have nowhere to skate.

Lady at the desk (Irritated): Don't you have homework to do? We can't fulfill each whim of every person who comes here.

Teenager 1: I have an idea. Let's write a petition.

Teenager 2: It sounds great. I can set up a site for the petition.

Teenager 4: I can collect signatures in the park.

Teenager 5: I will collect signatures in my school and spread some fliers.

Scene 4

(At the desk in the Town Hall. ***A week later at the Town Hall***)

Teenager 1: Hello, madam! We'd like to submit a petition.

Lady at the desk: Let me have a look. Mhm.... We need a construction project for the playground, some pictures and how much the facilities will cost.

Teenagers 3: OK, we will talk to our friends in Varna, they have a skateboarding playground there. They could send us some pictures and give us ideas.

(They leave)

(Two days later)

Teenagers 3: Hello, again. We are ready with the project. Here are the drafts and the pictures of the playground.

(She examines the papers and exclaims.)

Lady at the desk: Wait a minute! I'll call Mr. Petrov who is responsible for the sports development in Shumen.

Mr. Petrov: Hello guys. I want to see the project. : 5 million! It can't be done. The municipality has no money for such useless things!

(They leave)

Scene 5

Teenager 4: We won't give up. I'm sick of these institutions. Let's go and talk to the media.

Teenager 3: Great idea. Let's get in touch with the ombudsman too.

Teenager 2: What is an ombudsman?

Teenager 3: An ombudsman is charged with representing the interests of the public by investigating and addressing complaints of maladministration or violation of rights.

Teenager 5: We are not vandals, we don't do anything illegal, we just want to have a place where to practise our favourite sport .

Teenager1: Lets' go and see Ralitsa, she is one of my mum's friends and a reporter at our local TV station.

Scene 6

Journalist: Hello. We're broadcasting live from the city park. We'll talk to the ombudsman and some of the teenagers from the city.

The ombudsman: I will take the responsibility to talk to the mayor and find a solution to the problem as soon as possible.

Journalist: How much will the project cost?

The ombudsman: The construction of a skatepark is really very expensive but the teenagers in Shumen need a place to practice sports.

Journalist: Let's hear one of the teenagers who took part in the campaign.

Teenager 5: We want to express our gratitude to Mr.Kapralov.

Scene 7

(Two months later at the Town Hall)

Journalist: Hello! We are broadcasting live from the Town Hall and this is the mayor of our town – Mr. Krasimir Kostov.

Mayor: We are happy to inform you that Shumen municipality has been granted a project for building a skatepark.

Journalist: When will the project be finalized?

Mayor: The project will be finalized in 6 months.

(Applauses)

Scene 8

(6 months later)

(Children are in the park playing with their mothers. They are safe. At the same time teenagers are skating on the new-built playground. Everyone is happy.)

Journalist: Hello, guys! Do you like the new skatepark?

Teenager1: Hello! We are very happy and pleased to have our place to skateboard.

Journalist: I'm glad that in our town there are young people who know what they want and defend their rights.

Roles:

Teenager 1

Teenager 2

Teenager 3

Teenager 4

Teenager 5

2 mothers

Security guard

Lady at the desk

Ombudsman

Journalist

Mayor

Mr. Petrov