



## **Metropolis 2011**

**Topic list - 9th series**

**List last updated: November 1, 2011**

**Dear correspondent,**

**Below is the list with our topics for the 2nd part of the upcoming series. Please send us your proposed stories as soon as possible.**

**Due date for finished reports is November 30.**

**We hope you'll surprise us again with great characters and remarkable stories!**

### **Guidelines**

For more info on how to shoot reports, edit them, and get them on our desk, check out our site: <http://www.metropolistv.nl/en/content/join>

## **1. Puberty**

**> Deadline for reports: November 30**

According to Wikipedia puberty is "the process of physical changes by which a child's body becomes an adult body capable of reproduction". Well, that might be true, but it's only half of the story. In the real world puberty often means TROUBLE, it's the phase in life that is most feared by parents. The phase in which teenagers discover that they are no longer kids, but have a personality and a vision of their own. Problem is: they don't know yet WHICH personality or opinion that exactly is. And so they start experimenting, protesting, and going against the grain. We are very interested in how puberty is perceived in your culture! We're looking for all kinds of stories that show how (problematic) teenagers are dealt with in your culture.

Derailed teenagers that are trying to get back on track, parents and other people that try to teach them some discipline. We're also interested in nice local examples of typical 'teenage' subcultures where you live; the modern equivalents of the

punk-scene in the 80's.

## **2. Against the System / Off the grid / Protest**

**> Deadline for reports: November 30**

Lonely warriors, activists with surprising methods, protesters with a remarkable goal...for this episode we are looking for stories about people that don't go along with the opinion of the majority but have chosen the road of protest and resistance.

And of course, it should be people that surprise us, because of their looks, their methods, the object of their protest.

These could also be people who decide to go 'off the grid' and live a life disconnected from the world. Please note that we are interested in serious stories but also keen on stories with a humorist or quirky touch.

## **3. Neighbours quarrel**

**> Deadline for reports: November 30**

We're doing an episode on conflicts between neighbours. We want to focus on small stories, because sometimes neighbours quarrel about seemingly futile things, but to them it seems like a matter of life and death. These conflicts can become vile and other neighbours or even police have to intervene.

We would like you to show us both sides of the story, both their arguments.

So preferably the conflict should be between two people or two households. Here's an example from Nicaragua: one farmer has dogs and the dog ate his neighbour's chicken. Now the chicken farmer is angry, but the guy with the dogs is mad because his neighbour's chickens are running all over his property. What are both their arguments and how will they be able to solve this problem?

## **4. Relationship advice**

**Deadline for reports: November 30**

How do people keep their relationship going? What is the secret behind a marriage of 50 years? What do you do when things get tough and you're in a marriage crisis? We'd like to know what local solutions there are for when a couple is suffering relationship problems, are in a crisis or are even splitting up. What do couples in your country do when one of them is cheating, or extremely jealous or is just not

feeling in love anymore? Are there ways to keep them together? Are there people that dedicate themselves to solve these kind of problems? And who helps them in this process. The parents, relationship-experts, perhaps the head of the village? An episode about how to fix your relationship when things are going wrong.