

Activities for all

These activities and information pages have less text and more structure. Many of these activities include symbols to aid communication. These activities may suit children in primary schools or in community groups. Activities are also designed to provide scaffolding for older learners, including but not restricted to those with additional learning needs. It will be helpful for school councils and other community participation groups.



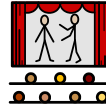


Get Creative

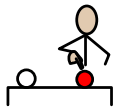
Group action



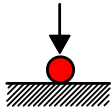
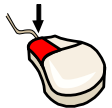
This is when a group do something physical in public.



This could be dancing, singing or acting.



This is to draw attention to something important.

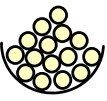

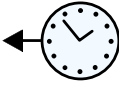




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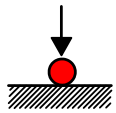
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Words

There are  lots of  songs that  were  written to  change something.

People  have also  written  poems or  raps.



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Here are some examples:

Songs

'Where is the Love?' by The Black Eyed Peas

'Imagine' by John Lennon

'Yma o Hyd' by Dafydd Iwan

Poems

'First They Came...' by Martin Niemoller

'Caged Bird' by Maya Angelou

'Help' - Casia Wiliam



Books and Films



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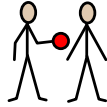
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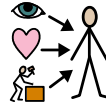


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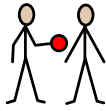


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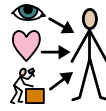


make a film

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Stories



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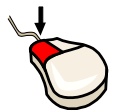
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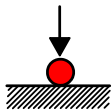
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change something.



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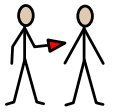


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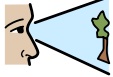
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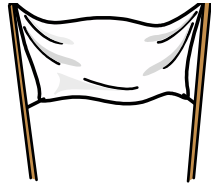
Poster

     
A poster can draw attention to the thing you want to change.

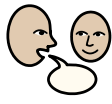
     
You can display the poster somewhere lots of people can see it.

    
It is better if the poster is colourful so that the poster draws attention.

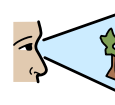
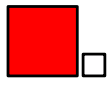




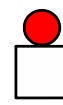
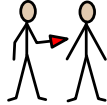
Making a banner



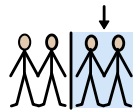
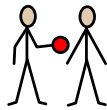
A banner is a good way of telling people about something that's important.



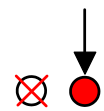
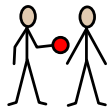
A banner is big so lots of people can see the banner.



1. Decide what message you want to write on your banner.

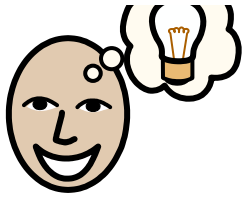


2. Make your message clear so other people understand.

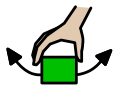


3. Make your message stand out from other banners.





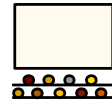
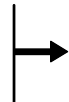
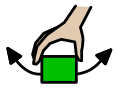
Ideas for making a banner



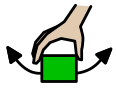
- Use symbols or pictures.



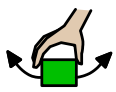
- Make the message funny.



- Use a message from a famous film or book.



- Use a rhyme or famous song.



- Use different colours on your banner.



Extension Activities

These use more text. They include more detailed information and less scaffolding in activities. These resources may suit young people in secondary school settings, Further Education settings, or in youth participation groups and youth community groups. They will be helpful for secondary school councils and other pupil voice groups in secondary schools.



Brilliant Banner Ideas

Banners can really help you get your message across in a peaceful gathering or march. Below, you will find some top tips to make sure you get your message across clearly.

Making your banner:

- You can make a banner out of lots of different materials (cardboard works well)
- You should use bold writing as it can be easily read from far away
- You should choose your colours carefully, complimentary colours work well and make your message easier to read

Deciding on a message:

- Your message should be clear
- You might want to add an image or a symbol
- You could use a rhyme or a slogan to make your message stand out
- You shouldn't overcrowd your banner — stick to no more than 7 words per line

Extra tip: If you are expecting media attention, then make your banner double sided (this gives it a better chance of being captured on camera).

Group Action

Group Action is when people get together in a public space and perform. Group Action can make a big impact on members of the public and is a clever and entertaining way to get your message heard.

What can we do?

Group Action can take lots of different forms. It could be a song, a dance or a spoken word performance. Your group could dress up in costumes or could create a freeze frame.

Your Group

Your Action Group should only include members you know, this is so you can make sure your message comes across clearly and safely.

Getting Technical

Technical equipment should be kept to a minimum. If you need to use plug sockets or microphones then you will need to ask permission prior to the event.

Costumes and props

You could use matching outfits, dance moves, banners or simple movements like clapping to bring your group to life and grab people's attention.

Time and Place

Finding a good, safe location is key to making Group Action work. You will also want to think about the best time to get the most attention (if you were using your school as a location then lunchtime might be a good idea).

Get Permission

Speak to an adult supporting your group (this could be a teacher/ youth worker) to make sure you have got permission to perform in public and that you can all get there and home safely. If your group plans to perform in a public venue then contact them first to make sure you don't get in trouble. Identify a contact at the venue and give details of your plans. Explain that it will not interfere with public access or cause any damage to the building.

Examples of Group Action

One Billion Rising — This action group produced a video for members of the public to learn the dance moves and asked them to join them at famous landmarks across the world to take a stand against violence against women and girls. Women and Men came together in over 207 countries.

Extinction Rebellion — “Pink Sparrows” — Protestors from Extinction Rebellion dressed up as pink aeroplanes to perform on a beach in Swansea during the Swansea Air show.

Craftivism

Get crafty and share your message in a creative way. There are lots of ideas online for using art to share your message, craftivism can be fun to join in with and also fun for other people to look at and read about your message.

For arty ideas, we suggest checking out Agenda:

Agenda Primary

http://www.egino.cymru/resources/agenda_0319/primary_agenda_en.pdf

Agenda Wales

http://www.egino.cymru/resources/agenda_0319/agenda_english.pdf

Words

Words are a powerful tool to help get your message across to a wide audience.

There are many different ways that words can make sure you “get seen”. Below are just a few examples:

Spoken word/ poetry:

Spoken word is great to use as a performance piece and can be performed by a group or individual. Poetry can be used on posters or handouts to get your group’s message across in an emotive or catchy way.

Song/ rap:

There have been lots of famous examples of songs that have raised awareness of a campaign. If you have any songwriters or singers in your group this might be a good idea.

Newspaper Article/ Blog:

Keep people up to date with what your group is doing! Writing a blog post or newspaper article is a great way to share your group’s successes and message.

Looking for inspiration?

Songs

“Imagine” by John Lennon

“Yma o Hyd” by Dafydd Iwan

“Superheroes” (radio edit) by Stormzy

Poems

"First They Came..." by Martin Niemoller

"Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou

"Help" — Casia William