

Every individual has their own strengths and limits when it comes to taking action. Below is a list of possible actions and approaches that have been used by community activists to achieve change.

Take a few moments to go through the list and indicate where you see yourself....

	Would do easily	Would do - but it would be a bit harder	Might do – in the right circumstances	Would not do
Taking part in a council meeting making budget decisions				
Write to a politician				
Write a 'letter to the editor' / a newspaper (to be printed)				
Sign a petition				
Sign a petition if you had to give your address				
Collect signatures for a petition				
Wear a badge / wrist band				
Wear a badge or band all the time				
Hand out leaflets				
Damage property				
Boycott a shop or a particular product / company				
Organise a boycott				
Graffiti a bill board or poster				
Graffiti a shop / office				
Take over responsibility for a local play area				
See a politician at their surgery				
Take part in a sit-in				
Take part in a strike				
Join a picket line				
Take part in a blockade				
Take part in a protest march / rally				
Organise a protest march / rally				
Take part in a non-approved (illegal) protest or rally				
Put up posters				
Become a shareholder in a football club				
Donate money				
Fundraise or encourage others to donate				
Attend a public meeting				
Organise a public meeting				
Give a speech at a public meeting				



Go to the media about an issue				
Be interviewed / quoted in the newspaper				
Be interviewed on TV				
Lie				
Risk your own security / safety				
Have more say in how allotments are distributed and maintained				
Threaten other's security / safety				
Withhold tax				
Chain yourself to something				

Are there other forms of action you would add to the list?

What makes some actions easier (or more easy to imagine yourself doing) than others?



What makes some actions harder than others?

Now in groups of 2-3 discuss what forms of action (either from the list or from your own ideas) that you think would be most effective in persuading different groups (or stakeholders) about the need for change?

- write each type of action on a separate post-it note
- stick these up next to the group / stakeholder you think it would most influence

