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Political Decisions

Political Bingo

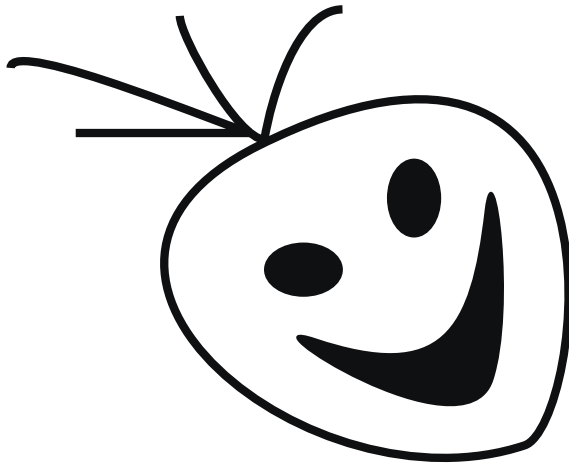
Find someone who . . .

. . . has met a politician _____	. . . can name a member of the cabinet _____
. . . believes that you should be able to vote at 16 years old _____	. . . believes that you should not be able to vote at 16 year sold _____
. . . has signed a petition _____	. . . can name a Member of Parliament _____
. . . is interested in environmental issues _____	. . . can name four political parties _____
. . . can name three countries in the EU _____	. . . Would like to change something about their local community _____

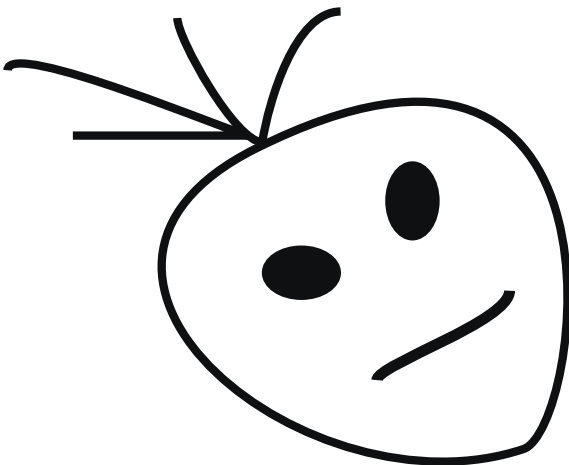
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Makes me
happy



Am I
Bothered?



Makes me
angry

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Dilemmas

Dilemma One

The Issue:

There are proposals to build an asylum centre in your area. However some local residents feel it could cause problems and are concerned about crime and jobs.

The views of people in the local area

“There are a lot of vulnerable people who deserve to be helped and given a chance.”

“Yes, these people need assistance, but I don’t want these people to drag this neighbourhood down. Why does it need to be here?”

“These people can’t be trusted, they cause nothing but problems. I don’t want anything that encourages them round here.”

As the local councillor you will be expected to take a position.

Questions:

What do you have to think about when deciding on whether to support the centre?

Which of these things are most important?

How will you convince those who disagree with your position?

The Decision:

What is your decision and why?

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Dilemma Two:

The Issue:

You want to have a special camp, and suggest going to Australia.

The views of people in the local area

"I'm a leader and I think it's too expensive and too far to go. We always go to _____ anyway!"

"I think it's a great idea, but there are some issues"

"That would be a great experience for everyone!"

Is this worth pursuing?

Questions:

Do you think this would be feasible?

What are the issues that need to be considered?

What could your leaders do to help?

How would you go about doing it?

Decision:

Should we go ahead with this?

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Issue Three

The Issue:

There has been an increase in low level youth crime in your area. People have different views on what causes this.

As a committee you have limited funds, so you will have to compromise as there is not enough money to do everything. What one thing could you do to make a difference?

The Views of People in the Local Area:

"It is the same kids who always cause the trouble. What we need is a scheme to encourage people to report known trouble makers and then name and shame them!"

"Kids nowadays have no respect!"

"Prevention is better than cure. It's important to improve the local area, and provide more opportunities for young people."

Questions:

Who should the committee consult before making a decision?

How will you reach a compromise?

What will be the main factors in making your decision?

How will you explain your decision to the local community?

What are the cost implications?

The Decision:

How will you spend the money and why?

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Things we would like to see changed	Who can change this?	How can we make a difference?

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Turning Opinion Into Action

Opinion We need some more leisure facilities and 5-a-side football pitches. We haven't got anywhere to go.	Action Approach the local council and suggest that they consult young people on activities in the area.
Opinion I think that our local group should get more funding.	Action Ask your local councillor how you could get more funding.
Opinion I think everyone should have a say in who represents us.	Action Vote in elections and encourage your friends and family to vote as well.

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Turning Opinion Into Action

Opinion I don't think that Parliament listens to young people enough.	Action Get involved in a youth council or start an action group.
Opinion I'm concerned about alcohol misuse in my area and want to know what is being done about it.	Action Go to your MP's surgery to find out what they are doing about it.
Opinion I don't feel safe when I go out at night and think there should be more CCTV on the street.	Action Make a petition to give to your local council and your MP. Organise a public meeting so you can get people to support your campaign.

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Youth Action Plan



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Our Group Is Looking At:

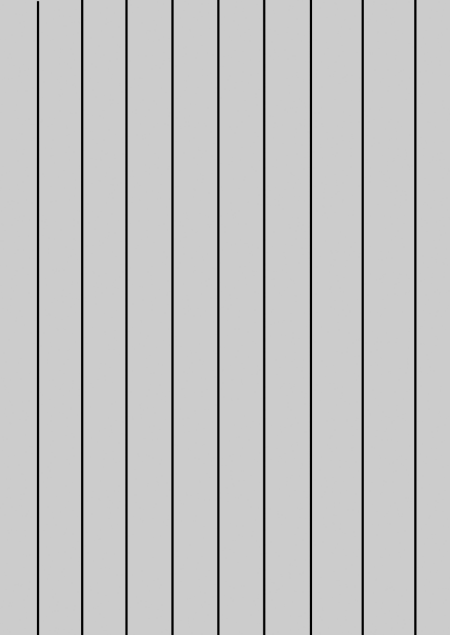
This is what we really care about:

This is what we really want to change:

These are the reasons why:

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The ideas we have to make change happen:



We won't be happy until:

Who can help us?

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What we will need?

When will we do it?

Any other comments:

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____