



Global Citizenship Make a Difference – Plan for Change

Belonging to a community is important. It helps you to feel that you are part of something. It supports your ability to interact with people, and makes a positive difference to your own life, and to the lives of others.

A key part of **global citizenship** is ensuring that everyone has the same rights within the local community, and around the world.

By understanding that everyone that everyone should be treated equally, you can build empathy and connect with others globally. This awareness creates respect and reduces prejudice.

The following activity will help you to develop your global citizenship skills. Before you begin, remember:

- Everyone has the right to respectfully express their views, be heard, and have a say in what happens in school or in the community.
- You have the right to play safely, and take part in activities that reflect your community, such as art, drama and music. This enables you to connect with others and feel a sense of belonging.

Let's think about the community where you live, or your school community. Here's some questions to get you started:

- How would you describe the community?
- Who is part of the community?
- What do you enjoy doing there?
- Are there places to meet with friends, and safe spaces to play?
- Are there any features, people, or shared events that make it unique or special?

Now that you have thought about what makes your local community or school special, what would you like to change? Be realistic, even a small change can make a big difference to everyday life. List your options, then choose one that is achievable. Researching projects that other communities and schools have successfully achieved could help you to decide.



Task: Make a Plan for Change

Work together to plan how you would achieve change, and how you would manage it in the future.

- What would change look like?
- What would need to be done on a practical level? Would you need help?
- Would it cost money? If so, where would this come from?
- What impact would this change have on you, and others?
- Would it impact the environment?
- Would it need looking after in the long term? If so, who would do this, and would it cost money?

Now, design a project plan that clearly shows your Plan for Change.

Finally, can you work with others to make it a reality?

