

Standing up for young people's rights at a Rights Respecting School.

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CAMPAIGN ACTIONS: IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION

As you work through the learning activities, young people should have a better understanding of climate change, appreciating its impact on their lives and the lives of other children and young people and around the world.

We hope they feel inspired to take action by calling on decision-makers to make a commitment to ensuring that efforts to tackle climate change and its impacts are focussed on the children's rights of children in the UK and globally!



Pupils at a Rights Respecting School in London.

ACTION 1

There are lots of ways young people can speak out and demonstrate their understanding of how climate change is affecting children's health. We've shared a few of our ideas here but know that you're going to come up with more!

- If performing and creative activities work well with your group, they could put on a re-enactment of an extreme weather incident for community members who may remember, or have been told about it. For example, in the UK we saw the great smog of the 1940s, and more recently flooding, heatwaves and droughts have happened. This could be followed by a discussion about how this affected children's rights and actions we can all take to be prepared in the future.
- Encourage young people to draw or paint pictures, create animations or poems for

example, to explain how climate change affecting their health makes them feel. They could hold a community exhibition to raise awareness with local residents, businesses, MP etc. encouraging them to take a personal pledge to tackle climate change and its impacts.

- Young people could write your school or organisation's climate charter and then publicise it. This could set out the steps you're taking to ensure a safe and clean environment, and the best possible health for children and young people.
- How about a science fair where young people present their ideas to tackle climate change in a way that protects children's health? They could pitch them to local businesses who could take the ideas forward.
- Young people could write and perform a play about climate change and children's health. Inviting local decision-makers and community members would be a great way to help them understand the impact climate change has on children's rights – and to ask them to make a pledge.