

What is community organising?

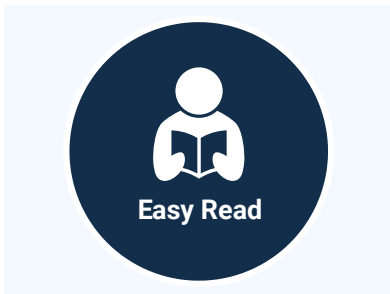
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How to use this guide



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We wrote this guide in an easy to read way.

We use pictures to explain some ideas.



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You can ask for help to read this guide. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

Fixing a problem



Do you have a problem?

Is there something you want to change?



Do other people in your community want this change as well?



A community is a group of people living in the same place or that share something in common.



Here is a community of school students that all care about fixing climate change.



You can get together with your community to help fix the problem.

This is called community organising.

Working together



Community organising is a way to work with many people to make a change.



You can all work together to fix a problem.



A problem might be

- too much pollution
 - someone not being treated fairly
 - someone not having proper rights
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A person who can help you and your community is called a community organiser.

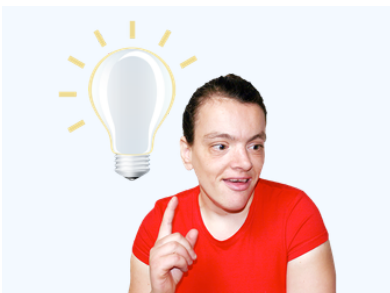
A community organiser



A community organiser wants to hear about your problem.



They will bring your community together for a meeting.



They will help your community come up with ideas of how to fix the problem.



They will help you take action to fix the problem.



An action is when you do something to make a change.

What is an action?



An action might be

- having a meeting with someone from government.
- having a chat with someone.
- sharing information on social media.
- having an event to bring people together like a protest.
- giving a speech.
- starting a petition.

The community organiser can help you



You can ask your community organiser to help you fix the problem.



If you do not know how to do something they can give you training.



Training is teaching you new information you do not know about.



You might want to speak in front a group of people but you feel worried.



The community organiser can help you learn how to speak in front of a group.

Learning something new



The community organiser can help you practice and prepare.



Then you can give a great speech that tells people about a problem.



People will listen to you.



You can be proud you did something to help fix the problem.

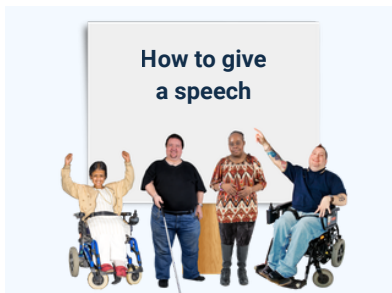


You also learnt to do something new.

Teaching others



You can use your new skill in the future.



You can also help others by teaching them what you have learnt.



When you and your community

- take actions



- learn something new



- work together



your problem might get fixed.

A stronger community



When a problem is fixed then everyone feels better.



Now you have a stronger community.



If another problem happens you are ready to work together.



You can support each other and make change.

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