

Exploring Activism: Activism and You

After having explored the concept of activism, researching prominent activists and reporting on what activism looks like, and interviewing citizen activists from the League of Women Voters, you and the members of your group will have the opportunity to choose an advocacy group and examine how it is bringing about change and making a difference in your community.

Directions

- Choose an advocacy group to examine from the list below. Feel free to choose an advocacy group that is not on the list.
- Find the contact information of the local chapter of your chosen advocacy group (local to Metropolitan Columbus) and determine best way to reach out to that group (e.g. email, phone call, in person visit)
- Choose a methodology for interfacing with representatives of your chosen advocacy group:
 1. Monitor a public meeting sponsored by that group
 2. Informational interview with persons involved with that group
 3. Meet with a local government official working with that group
- Once a methodology is chosen, determine the best way to implement your chosen methodology (e.g. Who? What? Where? When? Why? Significance?; Process-Outcome-Purpose; Strategy for Speaking with a Government Official)
- Working with members of your group create an interview guide based on the methodology which your group has chosen to implement
- Reach out to your chosen advocacy group and schedule the public meeting that you will be attending or the informational interview you will be conducting or the meeting with a local government official working with your chosen advocacy group.
- Attend the public meeting or the informational interview or the meeting with a local government official and work through the questions on your interview guide being careful to record all of the answers
- As you record your answers, be aware of how your chosen advocacy group is bringing about change
- Draft a one page bulleted summary of your findings including how your chosen advocacy group is bringing about change
- Based on what you have learned about activism through the unit “Exploring Activism,” write a one page reflection that answers the following question:
 - ***How can you be involved as an activist in your own community?***

List of Advocacy Groups (students can choose from)

American Civil Liberties Union (ALCU), Anti-Defamation League, Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project of the Urban Justice Center, Black Lives Matter, Campaign Zero, Center for Constitutional Rights, Climate Science Legal Defense Fund (CSLDF), Columbus Community Bill of Rights, Columbus Stands with Immigrants, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), EarthJustice, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, DACA Time, Equal Justice Initiative, GLADD, Human Rights Campaign, Human Rights Watch, Immigrant Defense Project, League of Women Voters, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Organization for Women (NOW), Ohioans for Gun Safety.

Exploring Activism Worksheet #4: Activism and You

Name of Advocacy Group:
Contact Information:
Mission of Advocacy Group:
Methodology:
Meeting/Interview Place and Time:
Interview Guide:

Reflection:

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