

## Spring Clean Week 2025: Connect with your community



**Stage:** P4-S2



**Time:** 2-4 hours

**Purpose:** We want to help young people understand the issues around litter and waste and give them tools to help tackle problems in their local area. In this activity, pupils will connect with their local community to tackle a waste issue.

### Introduction to the activity

Following on from our Live Lesson with Oksana from Thurso Community Development Trust and pupils from Thurso High School, we invite pupils to connect with their local community to tackle a waste issue. This could be through working with a person or organisation with expertise in the issue pupils want to tackle, or by organising an event or activity that community members can take part in.

### Activity

1. To start with, pupils need to identify an issue they want to tackle. You could start by asking the following questions
  - a. Are there any items in school that are being thrown away that could be reused instead? (don't forget items that you bring from home such as uniform)
  - b. Are there any items in school that are being thrown away that could be repaired instead?
  - c. What happens to left over food in your school?
  - d. Are there any items that are being put into general waste bins that could be recycled?
2. Based on pupils' answers to the questions above, have a discussion and choose one waste issue you have identified that you could work with your local community to improve.
3. Brainstorm ideas for how to solve your issue with your local community. Some ideas are:
  - a. Organise a swap shop or reuse sale and invite your local community to bring their unwanted items for resale.
  - b. Start a repair café in your school for items that could be repaired. You could work with local community members with expertise in sewing, handicrafts and DIY.
  - c. Organise food sharing with your local community for left over food from lunches.
  - d. Set up a community recycling scheme for difficult to recycle items such as batteries, soft plastics or tech devices.
4. Make a plan based on your ideas. You can use the Action Plan template on Page 2 to help you.
5. Complete your activity and fill in the evaluation column in the Action Plan.

## Community Waste Action Plan

What is the issue you are trying to improve? \_\_\_\_\_

How are you planning to improve the issue? \_\_\_\_\_

What will it look like if you are successful in improving this issue? \_\_\_\_\_

<b>ACTIONS</b>  What actions do you need to take to make your plan happen?	<b>WHO</b>  Who is responsible for each action?	<b>WHEN</b>  When does each action need to take place	<b>PERMISSIONS</b>  Do we need permission for any of our actions?	<b>Evaluation</b> (To be completed after your activity)  Was our activity successful?  Could we have done anything differently?  What would we like to do next?