



# Write to your prospective MP on London's Climate issues

## Learning targets

- To take part in local democracy by contacting their 'prospective MP'
- To use persuasive letter writing skills to make a positive difference on Climate Change

## Steps

1. Making a difference
2. Handwriting your letter
3. Sending your letter



# Step 1: Making a difference



## Watch the video from the World's Largest Lesson

<https://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/resource/worlds-largest-lesson-animation-part-3/>



**Discuss how your community could respond** to climate change (if you have already used the accompanying lesson plans 1, 2 and 3 you will probably have some clear ideas).

### In small groups:

Can you think of good examples of how to achieve change in your area?

*For example, in their schools, families or communities.*

Discuss which are the easiest and which are the most difficult to achieve and why.

Can you describe the difference between tactics such as protesting, civil disobedience, lobbying and voting for change.

## Step 2: Handwriting a letter to your 'prospective' MP



Every year during London Climate Action Week (LCAW) we have a [Student-MP Climate Surgery](#) organised by GLOBE Legislators. But this year LCAW (22-30 June 2024) takes place in the run-up to the General Election on 4<sup>th</sup> July and we don't know who our next MP will be. That's why this year instead of a Climate Surgery we're suggesting you write to your prospective MP – the ones who want to be your MP.

In this activity you are going to hand write a letter to your prospective local MP..



### Handwriting Letter writing tips:

- Do a rough draft first
- Choose your pen
- Tell the 'Prospective MP' who you are (name, school etc as appropriate).
- Tell the MP why you are writing and how they can help – we have included a sample letter on the next slide which you can use to get you started
- Sign your letter
- Give the letter to your teacher
- Your teacher will take a photo of your letter and email it to:  
[secretariat@globelegislators.org](mailto:secretariat@globelegislators.org)

Please feel free to use this template if it helps you.

### **An Open Letter to My Prospective MP**

Dear Prospective MP,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a pupil at \_\_\_\_\_ School. I am writing to you to tell you about the work I have been doing on Climate Change and to ask for your help.

We have been learning about climate change during London Climate Action Week (22-30 June 2024). Every year there is Student-MP Climate Surgery organised by GLOBE Legislators, but this year we have the General Election and we don't know who our next MP will be. I'm therefore writing to you as my prospective MP.

In class we have been learning about the Global Goals and the impact of climate change on London. I have also been thinking about how I can make a difference in my area to improve it now and the future.

<<Describe what you have done or what you would like to in your local area and why. If you would like help ask for it>>

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

*Sign your name here*

## Context

[London Climate Action Week](#) is between 22 June to 30 June 2024. This year all London schools are invited to take part in the Schools Climate Summit taking place from 24 June to 28 June. Each day of the Summit will engage with one of the Summit's five major themes – the four 'C's and the one 'F' – **Campus, Curriculum, Community, Careers and Finance**. It's a great opportunity to link curriculum-based climate change learning with global and social learning for the Sustainable Development Goals and encourage pupils to practise social action for change. We have created four lessons to help you in the period leading up to the Schools Climate Summit. All are independent so you can use them flexibly to suit.

These lesson plans were created initially by GLOBE Legislators, London Sustainable Schools Forum and World's Largest Lesson. We use London as a classroom and update the lessons every year. [www.londonschoolsclimateaction.org](http://www.londonschoolsclimateaction.org)

