

SOCIAL ACTION – LIST OF SUGGESTIONS

This list of suggestions offers a number of projects or products students could choose that give them a strong opportunity to use language and communication skills to compel change with respect to perspectives, attitudes, beliefs and mentalities about people seeking asylum and policy responses to these people.

HOT TIP!

Change does not need to be enormous to be considered successful. A change in attitude that is enough to sign a petition is still a change in attitude. Remember, small changes can lead to big changes.

- Develop a publication with a variety of articles that focus on an aspect of seeking asylum and offshore detention:
 - Write a detailed persuasive essay
 - Research and write an investigative feature article
 - Write an opinion piece that compels change
(You could investigate having these articles/essays/opinion pieces published in school or community newsletters)
- Plan and promote a school/local campaign to get people involved by:
 - Writing letters to editors and politicians and persuade others to do the same
 - Writing opinion pieces for school or community newsletters
- Short documentary including narration and audio:
 - Plan and produce a short social-impact documentary about an aspect of seeking asylum or offshore detention and consider how you can use content and communication to compel change.
- Short narrative or abstract film production (visual language and communication)
 - Consider themes or issues and how you can communicate these meaningfully in a way that compels or inspires action towards change
- Plan a public/community symposium:
 - Develop a persuasive speech to present
 - Research and recount personal narratives of seeking asylum and refuge
- Find and interview a former asylum seeker or refugee and tell their story
 - Write a short biography that tells their story and compels change
 - Produce a short documentary or narrative film that tells their story and compels change