



Activism

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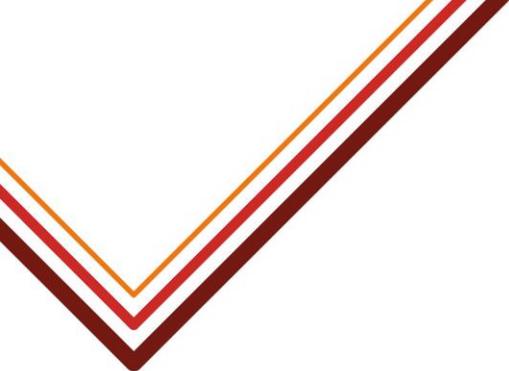
Lesson 1: What does an Activist do?

Learning Intentions

At the end of this lesson you will be able to...

- Define the terms Activist and Activism
- Explain the work of Baroness Lawrence
- Plan positive change in your community

Key Vocabulary



Collaborative
Action

Activism

Community

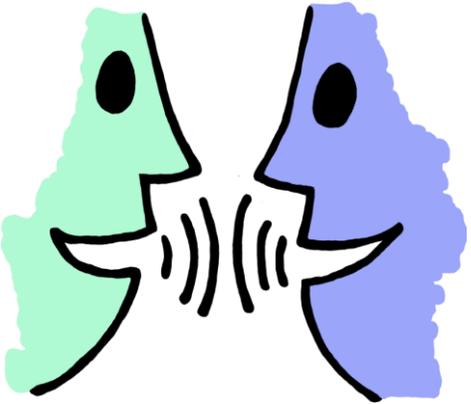
Justice

Society

Activist

Racism

Discussion: Talk to your partner



"I know this person. This is ____.

She is important because ____."

"I don't know this person. I'm wondering ____.



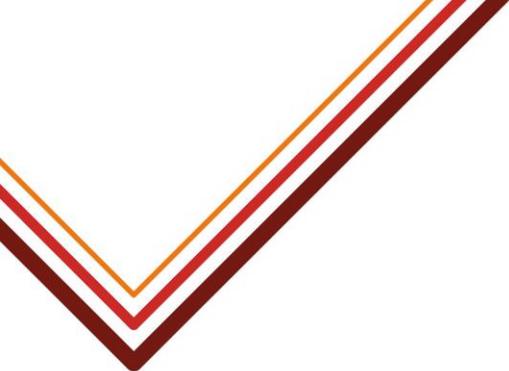
Baroness Lawrence

Doreen Lawrence (Baroness Lawrence) was born in Jamaica in 1952, she emigrated to England aged nine.

She is the mother of Stephen Lawrence, a British teenager who was murdered in a racist attack in South East London in 1993.

She founded the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust in 1998 to promote collaborative action in her community and in society to bring about justice for her son.





Baroness Lawrence is an Activist

Talk to your partner:

1. What do you think an activist is?
2. What do they do?



What is an
Activist and
What do they
do?

Activism

A person who campaigns to bring about political or social change in their community

An activist might organise or attend protests

A person who gathers the public to bring about change

An activist could run a political campaign

What is an Activist and What do they do?

An activist uses action to bring about justice

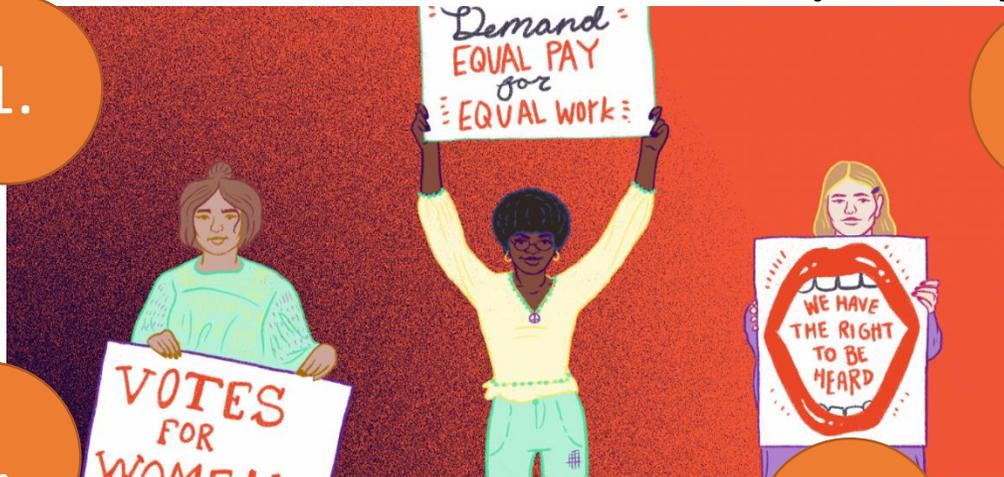
An activist might write persuasive letters to leaders in parliament

An activist may write emotive speeches

An activist feels passionately about bringing about a 'greater good' in society

In your opinion, which of these pictures represent Activism? Explain your point of view

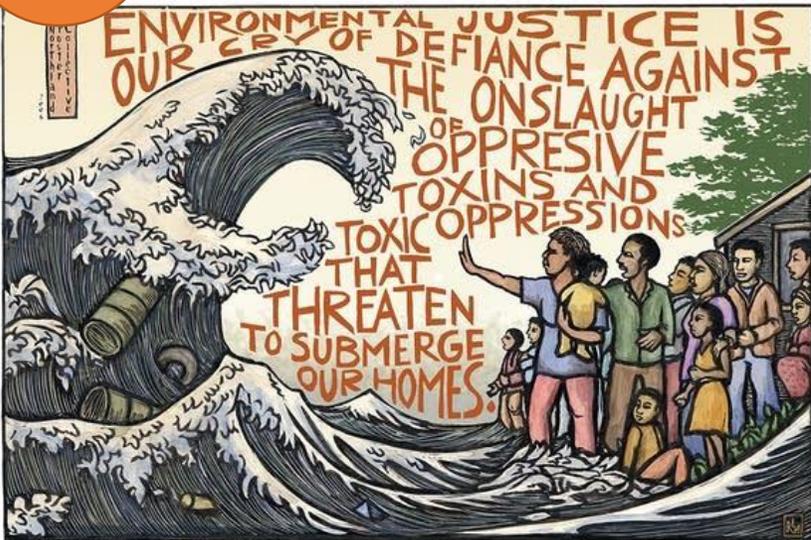
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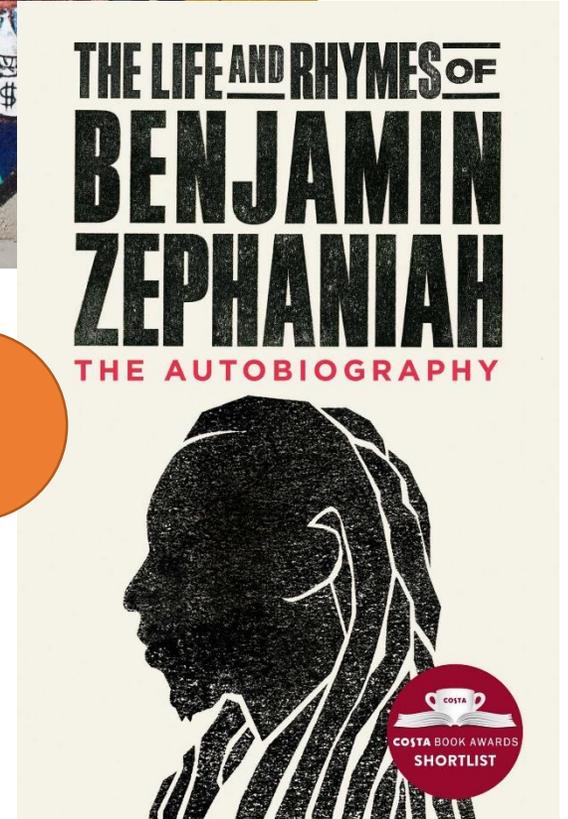
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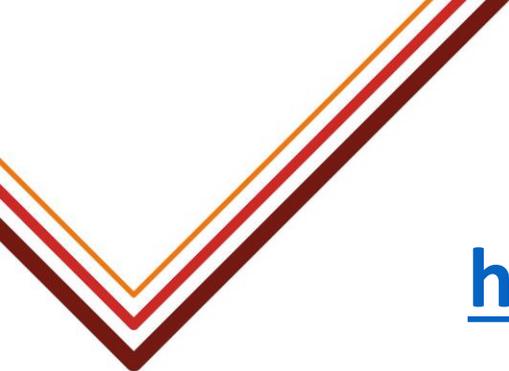


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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-VTRLX2MWCK>



As you are watching the video....

What positive change does Baroness Lawrence want to bring about?

- Make your community a better and safer place
- Be more tolerant of each other
- Be more inclusive
- Your small actions can make big changes

Time to Be Activists in Our Community

Let's think about the changes Baroness Lawrence mentioned in the video

*How do these link to our **community**?*

What changes would we like to bring about for the greater good?

*How will we use **action** to bring about change?*

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Time to Be Activists in Our Community

Time to be an Activist

In my local community, I would like to...

An issue I feel strongly about is...

I would like to bring about positive change by...

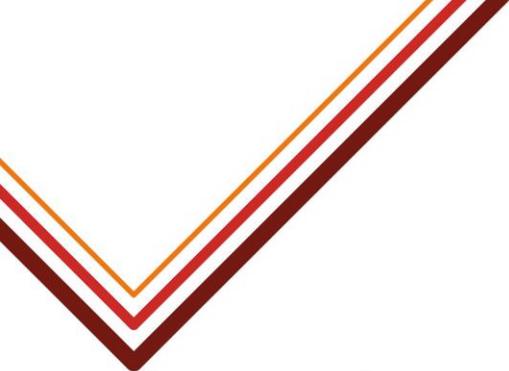
The impact of my activism would be...

Barriers to my plan may be...



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Further Research

Baroness Doreen Lawrence

Doreen grew up with her grandmother in the Clarendon parish of Jamaica. At age nine, Doreen travelled to England, joining her mother in Brockley, South London.

Later in life Doreen decided to go to university where she pursued a BA Hons in Humanities. While studying for her undergraduate degree Doreen's son Stephen was tragically murdered, an incident that changed the course of Doreen's life and led her to becoming an important figure in the British Civil Rights movement. Doreen's role in campaigning for justice contributed to the creation of the Macpherson Report, an inquiry that prompted necessary reforms of the UK police service. In 1998, the Lawrence family established the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. During her time as Director, Doreen established an official Stephen Lawrence day and through various outreach programmes has supported over one thousand young people in reaching their true potential.

In 2003, Doreen was awarded an OBE for her advocacy and in 2013; she was invited to become a Life Peer in the House of Lords where she tries to be the voice for the marginalised.

Further Points of Reference:

<https://blackculturalarchives.org/baroness-doreen-lawrence>

<https://www.obv.org.uk/our-communities/parliamentarians-and-campaigners/peers/doreen-lawrence>