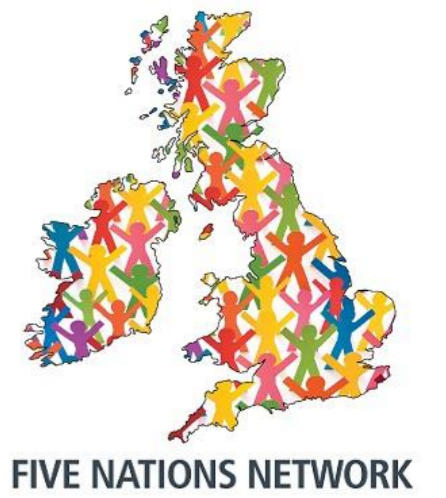


# From Deliberation to Action



## PROJECT AIMS:

- To develop teacher capacity to support action in the Citizenship classroom
- To develop young people's discussion and deliberation skills
- Encourage young people to take meaningful action

## ACTION:

- Teachers trained in deliberation and taking action activity
- Scheme of work implemented for Yr10 (age 13/14 - 180 pupils)
- Deliberation activity carried out on a contested issue e.g. social media impact on a young person's mental health, responses to homelessness
- Pupils initiate and implement their own action projects e.g. Poster campaign, Assembly, School Council vote on chosen issues.
- Actions are showcased on poster

**“ We are learning,  
changing, evolving  
and making a real  
difference!”**

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## IMPACT

- Pupils' communication skills in deliberation enhanced
- By taking action & showcasing on a real issue self confidence & self esteem are increased
- Pupils' understanding of the complexity of contested issues in a democracy is increased
- School/community links enhanced through pupil action and local politicians inspired!
- Deliberation activity incorporated into SOW and teacher confidence in delivering this skill will have increased
- Resources shared with other schools in Learning area.

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