

What If...?

Ways you can make a difference

1. VOTE!

Make sure you register to vote by April 20th www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Once you're registered you can choose to vote for your preferred party or choose to spoil your ballot paper to indicate that none of the parties speak for you. To find out more about these options why not visit www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

2. GET ACTIVE WITH A NATIONAL LOBBYING GROUP

There are many lobbying groups you can join such as 38 Degrees

www.38degrees.org.uk one of the UK's biggest campaigning companies, who share a desire for a more progressive, fairer, better society and their members come together to decide which issues to campaign on.

3. START YOUR OWN CAMPAIGN

If there are particular issues you feel strongly about you could join an existing lobby group or start your own. For advice and support on running your own campaign, visit Community Organisers www.cocollaborative.org.uk

National Coalition of Independent Action www.independentaction.net

4. GET INVOLVED WITH LOCAL CAMPAIGN GROUPS

These national movements have local groups that you could join:

The Merseyside People's Assembly www.merseysidepeoplesassembly.org

38 Degrees St.Helens https://you.38degrees.org.uk/local_chapter_collections/1

5. STAND AS A COUNCILLOR YOURSELF

You could make contact with your local councillors and MPs, and even think about standing as a local councillor yourself. To find out more about how local government works, visit www.beacouncillor.org.uk or call **020 7664 3000**

6. A FEW MORE USEFUL LINKS

If you want to make a difference and help to change things you might also be interested in finding out more about:

- Indymedia www.indymedia.org.uk: A network offering grassroots, non corporate coverage of important social and political issues
- The People's Assembly www.thepeoplesassembly.org.uk: A campaign organisation building the movement against cuts and privatisation
- The Equality Trust www.equalitytrust.org.uk: Working to improve the quality of life in the UK by reducing economic inequality
- SumOfUs www.sumofus.org: A world-wide movement for a better global economy
- Hope Not Hate www.hopenothate.org.uk: Seek to challenge and defeat the politics of hate and extremism within local communities

What If...?

What If...? was developed by Other Ways of Telling, an adult theatre group based in St.Helens.

For the last three months the group have been playing with the concept of democracy, asking questions about how power is distributed, and whether people really do have a say in how the country is run. *What If...?* is the outcome of the process.

We hope after watching today's performance you will feel empowered to raise your voice about what you think is important.

Turn over this leaflet to find out different ways in which you can make change and have your say.

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