**Setting up a small youth collective**

As a group of young people you are more than a friendship group. As a Youth Collective you want your voice to be taken seriously. You need to set some “terms of agreement” before you get started.

Time for a brainstorm:

1. What do you want to be known as?
2. What are your main aims and objectives?
3. What are your individual roles?
4. Who can join?
5. Will you need adult support?
6. Who do you want to listen to you?
7. How will you get people to listen to you?
8. How will you demonstrate that you have met and have collective ideas?
9. **Your group name**

Sometimes finding this is easier when you have answered all of your other questions and have a better understanding of who you are. Maybe you can vote on this? How many people need to agree to something in your group?

1. **What are your main aims and objectives?**

Do you want stop dog poo bags, do you want people to think more carefully about climate change? What do you stand for?

1. **What are your individual roles?**

Think about your jobs and allocate them (chairperson, social media person, note taker, blogger). This isn’t a money making charity group so you don’t need too may rules and processes but it helps to know what people prefer doing.

1. **Who can join?**

Do you want to keep this as a small select group or widen your membership? Is there an age limit?

1. **Will you need adult support?**

As a group of under 18’s it is easy to set up a small collective. When you add in anyone over the age of 18 you will need some help to make sure you have thought about safeguarding for meetings. You can invite in an adult as a guest speaker or support.

1. **Who do you want to listen to you?**

Do you want to encourage your peers, instruct younger people or ask adults to listen to you?

1. **How will you get people to listen to you?**

You can give assemblies, make videos, create a manifesto, hold a debate or appear on social media like Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

1. **How will you demonstrate that you have met and have collective ideas?**

Perhaps you can minute your ideas or create action plans when you meet. Put down your groups aims, pledge and vision, creating a group manifesto that you can measure your achievements against.