



Welcome to AAWAA

Getting it done together



PRACTICAL ACTIVISM TIPS

1120 - 1230

(1h, 10m)



1120 - 1125
Karen
Overview +
Internet security

Overview

- Brief note on privacy, safety, security
- L and J on street activism (15 minutes)
 - Deciding on an effective action
 - Choosing a location and making materials
 - Safety and privacy and keeping it legal; Debriefing
- E on meeting with politicians (15 minutes)
 - How to decide who to target in the corridors of power
 - How to request a meeting
 - Preparation, engagement, follow-up



Brief note on privacy, safety, security

- Browsers
- Messaging apps and encryption
- Email
- Digital devices
- Location and meetups



1125 - 1140
L and J
Street activism



Street activism tips



- Deciding on an effective action
- Clear messaging
- Choosing a safe and suitable location
- Doing a recce and practice
- Making materials
- Safety and privacy, keeping it legal,
- Giving a clear briefing,
- Staying observant
- Debriefing, doing something social

1140 - 1155



Meeting with politicians



Meetings tips

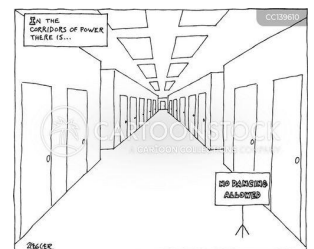


- How to decide who to target in the corridors of power
- How to request a meeting
- Have a Summary Sheet
- Preparation
- Engagement
- Follow-up



How to decide who to target in the corridors of power

1. Are you wanting to meet someone sympathetic to your cause or confront a politician who is against your cause?
2. State or federal politician?
3. Look up the politician in the [Register of parliamentary interest document](#) to learn more about them.
4. What in their profile can you use to link to yourself or your cause?



How to request a meeting

- Phone call, email, visit in person
- Street action
- Finding yourself in the same place they are
- Community cabinet (Labour)
- Other opportunities to meet politicians in person
- Don't just stick to one approach
- Its ok to be a bit dishonest about your meeting agenda. Trojan horse!



Have a summary prepared

- Include the following on your summary sheet:
 - Names of attendees and date
 - Topic
 - Main points discussed
 - Solutions and ways forward
 - Up to three resources links they can look up
 - Email and phone number of the contact person for more information
 - Only one A4 sheet



Preparation

- Do not go alone - take at least one other woman with you.
- Is the MP on sympathetic or will this be a confrontational meeting
- Come with the problem. Try and stick to one problem
- Have a list of consequences for the problem not being addressed
- Suggest a solution
- Who will say what?



Engagement

- Congratulate them on their good work and express your appreciation.
- Make some small talk so you can make an assessment of your politician
- Be confident. You know far more about this subject than they do.
- Controversial approach – pander to that ego. “We need your help on this issue, and we know it is something you can make meaningful change on”

Engagement

- Have a sense of humour and don't take their response personally.
- Don't be fooled if they act shocked, outraged or hurt by something you've said. They are faking it – they are politicians.
- You are the expert. Teach them as they don't know and don't understand the gravity of the situation.



Engagement

- Be respectful at all times. But don't let them walk all over you. Contradict them and correct any errors they have.
- Ask them to take the issue to the relevant Minister for consideration.
- If they get off topic use your Summary sheet to get them back on topic.



Follow-up

- Write an email thanking them for their time and offering to answer any further questions.
- Congratulate yourself - you have done well!

*let's
celebrate*



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Small group work

Task



- Split into smaller groups of 2 - 5. It's up to you.
- Choose what kind of practical activism do you want to plan:
 - Street activism (Banner drop, protest, placard photo opportunity, other – it needs to be legal!)
 - Meeting with politician
 - Other
- Plan it!

Street activism



- Account for
 - Deciding on an effective action + clear messaging
 - Choosing a suitable location and making materials
 - Doing a site recce and practice
 - Briefing, safety and privacy, keeping it legal
 - Staying observant and knowing when to leave
 - Debriefing
 - Refer to WAAC notes
- Plan it!

Meeting with politicians



- Account for
 - Who to target in the corridors of power
 - Deciding on a focus and what topic to discuss
 - How to request a meeting
 - Preparation
 - Engagement
 - How to keep on track during the meeting
 - Follow-up
- Plan it!



1220 - 1230
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Report-backs