

What Do We Want to Know?



This sheet provides examples of the type of questions that your Earth Force group needs to ask in order to gather policy and practice related information on the issue selected. Remember that these are questions about the **ISSUE**, not about a particular project that will be developed in Step 5.

Develop at least three questions per section.

WHO >> think about whose practices affect the issue, or people who are affected by the issue >>

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| ...benefits from this? | ...would be helpful to consult? |
| ...is this harmful to? | ... will be key people in this? |
| ...makes decisions about this? | ...is most directly affected? |

WHAT >> think about the policies and/or practices related to the issue >>

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| ...are the strengths/weaknesses? | ...are possibilities to getting to action? |
| ...are other perspectives? | ...what is most/least important? |
| ...are counter-arguments? | |

WHEN >> think about the context of the issue >>

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| ...is the best time to take action? | ...will we know we've succeeded? |
| ...is this acceptable/ unacceptable? | ... has this played a part in our history? |
| ...would this benefit our society? | ...should we ask for help with this? |
| | ...would this cause a problem? |

WHERE >> think about where—what neighborhood, environment, etc.—this issue is important >>

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| ...can we get more information? | ...else in the world besides our community does this apply? |
| ...are there areas for improvement? | ...are there similar situations? |
| ...do we go for help with this? | |

HOW >> think about whose practices affect the issue, or people who are affected by the issue >>

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| ...does this relate to other aspects of our community? | ...do we see this in the future? |
| ...does this make a positive change? | ... does this harm us/others? |
| ...will we approach this safely? | ...can we change this for our good? |
| ...is this similar to _____? | ...do we know the truth about this? |
| | ...does this benefit others? |

WHY >> think about ways to impact the issue >>

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| ...is this a problem/issue? | ...is it relevant to our community? |
| ...does this issue exist? | ...are people influenced by this? |
| ... is there need for change on this issue? | ...why should people know about this? |