

## Turn Your Passion Into Action

We all have a passion, but it can be hard to get started when faced with the “where do I start” question. The steps below and the tips that follow will help you to turn what you’re passionate about into something tangible in your local community.

### Steps

- 1. Define what you’re passionate about in the local community** (e.g. environment, loneliness, families, recycling, connecting neighbours, safety, homelessness, reading, art, etc.).
- 2. Find other people who share this passion** (this can be done by networking, social media, newsletters, noticeboards, conversation, etc.).
- 3. Bring the people that you have identified together and brainstorm things you could do related to this passion-** apply the principles of Blue-sky thinking- there’s absolutely no limits, judgements, consequences, etc.
- 4. At a separate time have everyone vote on their preferred thing-** encourage people to test the ideas using the Community Toolkit’s [Test Your Ideas](#) checklist.
- 5. Once you have agreed on one thing to pursue further, make a to-do list-** everyone sharing the passion should have their own tasks to complete (e.g. research, talk to a certain person, planning, developing documents, etc.).
- 6. Develop a Project Plan to bring more structure to your idea and make it actionable-** use the [Project Plan](#) template within the Community Toolkit to help.
- 7. Bring your people back together and review-** what’s been done so far, do you all want to keep pursuing the same idea, what needs to happen next, etc.

### Tips

- Start small and take bite-sized actions.
- Build a solid foundation- avoid the temptation to jump ahead to the finish line.
- Experiment- it’s ok to try things even if you’re not entirely sure of the outcome.
- Be open to trial and error along the way.
- Tell people about what you’re doing- there’s power in numbers.
- Be patient and persevere.
- Read the [Passion Into Action Guide](#) developed by Points of Light- an organisation that believes that the most powerful force in the world is the individual who has realised their power to do good.