

Biblical Advocacy

Doing Justice for Your Neighbours

Identify a situation in your community that represents an injustice and requires action!

1. Change is needed when there is...

- a lack of integration services for newcomers (refugees and immigrants)
- a high unemployment rate, particularly among youth and newcomers
- high poverty among racial lines
- increased violence in different geographical areas
- inadequate social housing (poor quality, too few units, absentee landlords, etc.)
- escalating food, transit and/or recreation costs
- limited quality childcare spaces

2. Learn about the issue that you have identified. Conduct research online, speak to community research councils, interview affected people and explore current community responses.

- *What is going on?*
- *What are other contributing factors?*
- *Who is affected?*
- *What is the impact on those affected?*
- *What are some possible community supports?*
- *How might we participate in a resolution?*
- *What is some necessary government action?*
- *What are some possible individual initiatives that might be undertaken?*

3. Once you have learned more, consider an action item:

- **Share** your learning...
 - with many others at different venues in different forums.
 - in a community forum eg. radio, newspaper, community workers.
- **Contact** your local political representative (whatever level it is necessary), share the need, the learning and the required action.

For additional ideas and resources, visit the [Action Centre](#) on the Office of Social Justice's website or check out the Citizens for Public Justice's [Advocacy Toolkit](#).