



Weather event action plan

- 1** In this activity, young people will create an action plan for a local community that has been affected by a real-life past weather event in groups
- 2** Split the group into smaller teams and give each of them an action plan template (found on page 6) and who can help profiles (found on page 7). Set the groups a challenge to create a plan to help prepare a community for a similar event in the future. They could use a weather event that they are familiar with as the basis for this activity or select one **from here**
- 3** They should discuss as a group each step of the plan and come to a collective decision and plan their time carefully to make sure they complete the full plan in the time available
- 4** Explain that the main aim of this plan will be to identify some of the impacts associated with a severe weather event, identify areas for improvement and help mitigate impacts to the community in the future



20 minutes



Groupwork



Who can help? profiles



Action plan template

Optional extension

Invite each group to present their action plans – this can be done in a variety of formats including a slide show, written report or role play. To add a competitive element, ask teams to vote for their favourite presentations

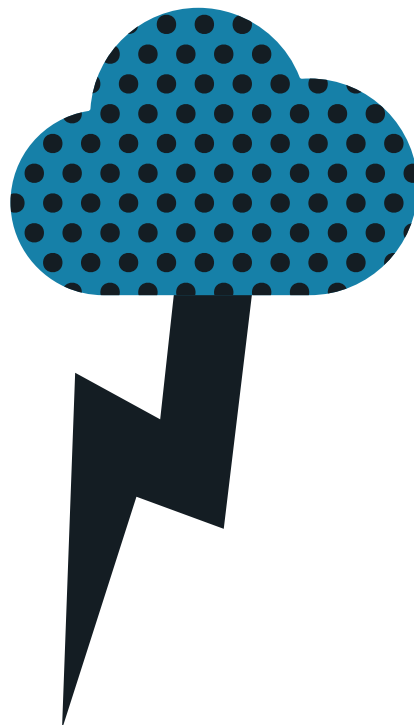
Tip: Alternatively, if you have links with community representatives from local organisations, you may like to invite them to take part in the voting/judging and give the group a mini presentation to support their understanding and heighten their engagement. Asking community representatives from local organisations to come in and visit/present also provides the opportunity to ask about volunteering opportunities for the young people in their local community to help foster their interest and extend their learning



20–30 minutes



Groupwork



Action plan template

Location your action plan is for:

Type of severe weather:

Main risks of the severe weather:

Ideas for how to reduce the impact of the severe weather:

Different people in the local community would be affected by the severe weather, how and why:

Timeline which plots what action would need to be taken at which times and the jobs involved in supporting the community:

Who can help?

Flood protection agencies

Experts at the Environment Agency, SEPA, Natural Resources Wales and NI Direct, alongside other agencies, help to manage the risk of flooding



Coastguard

In stormy conditions and where there is a risk of coastal flooding, the coastguard team work to keep people safe on land and at sea



Emergency medical services

Ambulance and hospital staff work around the clock to treat people ill or injured as a result of severe weather conditions e.g. heatstroke



Fire service

Firefighters support communities in severe weather by helping people stay safe during flooding and help protect homes against floodwater



Police

The police help communicate safety information about severe weather events. They also work to keep roads clear and search for missing persons

