

# Local Action Groups

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## What are Local Action Groups?

Local Action Groups are designed to help you connect with other like-minded people in your community. They provide support, ideas, and initiatives for helping spread word about the Alberta draft curriculum. By coordinating locally, we are able to find what is unique about the community and how to convince others to speak out against the draft curriculum.

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## What do Local Action Groups do?

These groups do many things, the most important being support. It's hard opposing the draft curriculum alone, a group makes the task much easier. Other activities include:

- Connecting group members with like-minded people in a community
- Members helping members understand what is wrong with the draft curriculum
- Planning who to talk to about the draft curriculum
- Discussing local challenges or problems that will come up when talking about the draft curriculum
- Identifying local issues with the draft curriculum

## Is there a Local Action Group in my community?

There are many people actively working to oppose the Alberta draft curriculum in various communities across the province. Local Action Groups are usually organised based on a city, town, village, or area.

There are bound to be others that we are not aware of. Reach out to your friends, family, and neighbours.

## I can't find a Local Action group in my community.

This is a great opportunity for you to take the lead! Starting a Local Action Group in your community is easy! It only takes you and another person to get started.

1. Find at least one other person to meet with.
2. Set up a time (see scheduling below).
3. Discuss what to do next.

## I've joined a Local Action Group. What now?

One of the most important actions is spreading the word about the draft curriculum and how terrible it is for students. Discuss it amongst your Local Action group and get ideas for further



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steps. From there you can talk to friends, family, acquaintances, and anyone you feel would be interested in knowing more about what needs to change.

The most important thing you can do is keep discussing how terrible the draft curriculum will be for our children.

## How do I find people to join my Local Action Group?

In general, the people who are most likely to join your group are people you know.

- Friends
- Family
- Co-workers
- Family of children's friends

It doesn't take a lot of people to start a group. You will find the group grows quite quickly just by talking about it to people you know and trust.

Invite them to the next group meeting and make sure to welcome them when they join the meeting!

## Is there someone who our Local Action Group can talk to if we have questions?

Yes! The Albertans Reject Curriculum Draft Facebook group is filled with people willing to answer questions! Make a post and people will be happy to help. Most are willing to do virtual sessions (Zoom, Teamviewer, Skype, Google Meet).

## How often/where do Local Action Groups meet?

Restrictions will determine how you meet with your group. Generally, the group contact will set up a date and time to meet. This can be in person or virtual.



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The first meeting of a Local Action Group can take from 1-2 hours. After that it depends on the members of the group.

## Is there anything special my Local Action Group should do when we meet?

If you wish you can have an agenda, although it is not strictly necessary. Agendas help to make sure meetings run efficiently without getting off track.

We highly suggest, though, that no matter what you have an **action** list by the end of the meeting. Some action items might be:

- Finding more people to join the group
- Learning more about a specific subject
- Talking to community members about the draft curriculum

At the next meeting, go over the **action** items from the previous meeting.

## Who arranges Local Action Group meetings?

Generally, the group leader is the main contact for the group and they arrange meetings based on people's schedules.

To help with scheduling you can use a tool like **Doodle** (<https://doodle.com/free-online-appointment-scheduling>)

## Is there something more I can do?

Yes!

- Discuss curriculum subjects you're familiar with amongst your group.
  - Help organise (legal and peaceful) protests.
  - Share videos on social media ([www.averyconcernedalbertan.ca](http://www.averyconcernedalbertan.ca)).
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- Encourage people to join the Albertan's Reject Curriculum Draft Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/353881362641844>).
  - If you're a subject expert, offer to help whenever people have questions.

## Who should we talk to about the draft curriculum?

Talk to your neighbours, friends, family, and coworkers. The more word of mouth discussion the better!