My Community Action Plan: A Guide by Max and Leo

Learning objective: To identify the roles of individuals within a community and evaluate how collective action contributes to the well-being of our local society.

Welcome! Max the monkey believes that a community is like a complex puzzle where every piece fits together, while Leo the lion believes a strong community relies on the kindness of its leaders. Use this template to analyze your own community and propose a way to make it even better. Think critically about how your actions affect those around you.

Word bank: collaboration · responsibility · diversity · empathy · sustainability · initiative · support · infrastructure

1. Identify three distinct groups or organisations that form the backbone of your local community. Justify why each one is essential for a functioning society. (3 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the roles of local volunteers with the roles of paid public services. How do they work together to support residents? (3 marks)

3. Explain why it is important for a community to be inclusive of people from different backgrounds, ages, and abilities. (2 marks)

4. If you were given a budget of £500 to improve a shared space in your community, how would you allocate these funds? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

5. What might happen if all members of a community stopped taking responsibility for their local environment? Describe the potential long-term consequences. (2 marks)

6. Evaluate your own contribution to your community. What is one specific action you could take this week to make a positive impact? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Design a 'Community Manifesto' poster. Write three core values you believe every member of a community should uphold. Below your values, draft a 100-word proposal for a new community project that addresses a current local issue. Explain the potential challenges of your project and how you would overcome them.