

Collective Worship: Community Organising

Gathering	Sign of the Cross	Light a candle
Introduction	Sometimes it's easy to think that making a difference in the world is something only adults or powerful people can do, such as politicians, charities, or world leaders. But the truth is, change always begins with ordinary people who care enough to do something. Every day we all have moments when we can choose kindness over comfort, fairness over silence, and courage over indifference. When we look around at the people in school, at home, or in our community, we can all see things that could be better. And our faith reminds us that God doesn't want us to stand by, but to stand up for what is right and that is what community organising helps us to do.	Read script
Scripture	In the Bible, we hear these words from the book of the Prophet Micah 6:8 "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God"	Pause for a moment
Reflection	The prophet Micah reminds us that God does not ask the impossible of us. He asks for justice, for mercy, and for humility, simple words, but ones that demand real choices in how we live. Community organising is one way we can live out that call. It's about people coming together to face common challenges, especially on behalf of those who have no voice or power. When we look to the Gospels, we see that Jesus himself was an organiser, he challenged unjust systems, stood alongside those who were ignored, and called his followers to open their hearts and take action. So, what does that look like in our school today? It might mean campaigning for change, raising awareness, volunteering our time, or supporting projects such as food banks, social justice groups, climate action initiatives, or anti-racism efforts. Our faith is not meant to be passive or private because, as Saint James reminds us, "Faith without works is dead." We are called to make our faith visible through the way we act, serve, and build up the common good together.	Read script
Video	We are now going to watch a short video, a pep talk from Kid President. A young voice, full of energy, calling us to live with purpose, to step out of comfort, to serve others. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_9rAxvDOko&t=132s In the video he encourages us to see that we don't need to wait for "perfect conditions" or "big platforms" because every small act of kindness, every stand we take for what is right, is part of shaping a more just world.	Stop the video at 2:53
Examine	Let's pause and think about our own lives, by answering the following questions: • What do I want to change most in the world? • Does my faith help guide me in my daily actions? • Where do I experience or witness injustice? • How can I take one small step, in school, to live out justice, mercy and humility? • What pep talk would I write and who would it be for?	Pause between each question
Closing	Lord, help us to see the world through Your eyes. When we witness injustice, give us courage to speak. When we encounter suffering, give us compassion to act. When we are tempted, remind us to walk humbly with You and one another. Teach us to be builders of community, to listen and work together for the good of all people, especially those without power or voice. May our words and actions reflect that faith is alive when it moves our hearts to love. Strengthen us to put our faith into action each day, in our school, our families, and our local communities. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen. Sign of the Cross.	Read script