

Step 3: Where can we **SHARE**?

STAKEHOLDERS

ACTIONS

CIVIC SPACES

After you have completed tasks to help you understand and assess a topic, as well as considered your action task, you need to select a civic space.

What are CIVIC SPACES? A civic space is the place, whether physical or digital, where you will share your work. Below, many different civic spaces are listed for you to choose the right space for your action. Use the civic spaces reflection questions to guide your decision-making. Where applicable, access a civic spaces document with guidance and contact information. (See [Civic Spaces Reflection Questions](#) below.)

List of Civic Spaces

BE A VOICE			
LEVELS FOR SHARING	Other classrooms School Schools in district	Neighborhood Town/city State	Region Country World
Organizations Charity Nonprofit organization Civic organization Educational organizations Political organizations Social organizations	Physical Spaces Hang or display work in: School hallway or Place where people gather Other public space Present project to: Other classes at your school Morning announcements Students at another school A local or national organization related to your issue A school, town, or city meeting	<u>Publish / Distribute Information</u> <u>Share to be published in a media outlet.</u> The school/PTA newsletter The local newspaper National/international news organization Local/national organization publication Digital Spaces Technology Post/share project on: School or class website Community message boards Social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram Platforms connecting classrooms around the world (e.g., Google Classroom, Skype in the Classroom)	<u>Contact stakeholder</u> Talk to others about your issue (parents, friends, etc.) Collaborate with stakeholders in the action Write a letter (email or paper) Write a position statement (email or paper) Call their office Meet with them to discuss issue Submit a message through an online platform Invite them to speak to your school/class Send suggested textbook revision to publisher

Civic Spaces Reflection Questions

Creating a taking informed action project must include consideration of how and with whom you will share your work. Your decision should reflect upon your purpose, stakeholders, and the desired level for sharing. Use these questions to help in your decision-making.



PURPOSE What goals are you trying to accomplish? Are you wishing to inform people on a topic? Have a call to action?

- Reflect upon your desired goals and select an outlet that could help you reach the right audience(s) and meet those goals.

STAKEHOLDERS Who are your stakeholders? Stakeholders are individuals or groups that have “something at stake” or an interest or concern in an issue.

- A stakeholder may be affected by an issue, is able to bring change, or can help you address the matter.
- When selecting the civic space for sharing your work, be sure that the audience includes stakeholders. (See [Step 1: Who are the Stakeholders?](#) document for more information).

LEVELS FOR SHARING In consideration of your topic’s stakeholders, select a space that is the appropriate level for sharing.

- Do you want your audience to be other students? Then another classroom may be the appropriate level.
- If it is a school issue, you may select a school-level outlet, such as the school newspaper or PTA newsletter.
 - If it’s a school issue, but you want the city, state, or nation to know about the concern, consider an outlet that reflects the desired audience.
 - You may also want a national audience for a local concern.

Note: choosing one level does not mean you cannot change your mind later or submit to different places. An important part of action is being resilient and finding alternatives when/if challenges arise.

