‘What can we do?’

Scenario 1
The year is 1893. Only men are allowed to vote in elections to parliament in your colony. Many attempts to legislate for votes for women have been rejected by the colonial parliament. You are a group of women and men who believe that women should have the vote.

Scenario 2
The year is 1960. Australia has a policy of allowing only ‘white’ (European) people to immigrate to Australia. You are a group of citizens who think that this policy is unfair to non-Europeans and not good for Australia.

Scenario 3
The year is 1928. You work at a port, loading and unloading ships’ cargo. Each morning you have to attend a ‘pick-up’, at which shipping companies decide who to employ. The Arbitration Court decides that there will be a second pick-up in the afternoon, which all workers must attend. Your trade union believes that the decision of the judge of the Arbitration Court is unfair, because it prevents workers from finding other work for the rest of the day.

Scenario 4
The Regional Shopping Complex has withdrawn the space for a Youth Drop-in Centre because nobody took care of furniture and the place was often left very untidy. You are a member of the Student Representative Council which believes that the shopping centre is the best place for a drop-in centre, and that young people can be responsible and take care of property and facilities.

Scenario 5
A cosmetics company advertises a job for a sales representative. You are a male sales representative with good references. When you apply for the position the personnel manager says, ‘Sorry, we don’t employ male reps’.