

COMMUNITY ORGANISING

Froi Legaspi
Migrant and Refugee
Organising





Who is Citizens UK?

Citizens UK is a people power alliance of 550+ diverse local organisations, across 18 cities and regions, working together for the common good. Our mission is to:

- ▲ develop local leaders
- ▲ strengthen local organisations which are the lifeblood of their communities
- ▲ make change



A Citizens UK initiative

14,000 employers
£2 billion



Power

The ability to act

- ▲ If you were Prime Minister, what is one thing you would change that would help you or someone that you care about?



“Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anaemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.” Martin Luther King

Cycle of Action



From stories
into campaigns:
Children into
Citizens





- Interest-free loans for 100 children for citizenship fees
- Funding from Mayor of London
- Freeze of Child Citizenship fees
- Fee-waiver for those on low incomes



Citizenship
Payment
Plan





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Listening campaigns

Listening for

▲ Stories

▲ Leaders

▲ Relationships

NOT

▲ Opinions

▲ Statistics

▲ Solutions



House Meeting

Share a story of how the immigration system is putting pressure on migrants and refugees that you know.

Question design to be personal and political, as well as to elicit experiences rather than opinions



Making a plan

- ▲ What power do we have access to? i.e. people, organisations, money
- ▲ What is a solution that is both worthwhile and winnable?
- ▲ Who has the power to make the change that we seek?

Story of Asylum Seeker London bus travel campaign



Community Organising
Training with UAL:
Tuesday 28th November
10am - 4:30am in Stratford

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