

# EXPLORERS

## Greta & a great speech

Climate change is a major issue, one that many adult world leaders struggle with as they balance national and international priorities. Young people across the world have become more and more vocal in their opinions and concerns about climate change and inaction. As a youth led organisation we must include and value the views of our young people and help them to develop their own confidence in raising issues that are important to them. Feedback from [ShireVoice](#) showed us that our young people want to have their voices heard on climate issues and make a difference.

Greta Thunberg is one of the young activists who has become famous in climate change media. You can watch one of her speeches through this link: [Greta Thunberg mocks world leaders in 'blah, blah, blah' speech - BBC News - YouTube](#). A lot of young people feel inspired that she is so influential and at a similar age to them. We want to encourage this confidence and passion through these activities.

We have included some questions/topics for discussion with each section. These are to encourage conversations about climate change at each age group and to explore what their understanding is as a Scout.

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## Explorers:

Young activists such as Greta Thunberg are representing young people's views on climate change. Greta bravely speaks out about why countries should take climate change more seriously. She has made some iconic speeches at world events with adult leaders from lots of different countries, often criticising them for their inaction. Greta has received backlash suggesting that she is too young and inexperienced to be talking about climate change, however she continues her work despite the negativity. The input of young people and NGOs is really important for action on climate change.

In your unit split into groups representing different countries around the world, research their stance on climate change and what their policies are and how open they are to input from young people. Host a debate between your countries arguing their points of view about climate change.

You will need:

Paper

Pen

Tables & chairs set up like a conference

Topics for discussion:

- Do you know of any other climate activists? Or follow them on social media?
- How effective are international events/bodies in tackling climate change?
- Do you think it's fair to involve young people in taking responsibility for climate change action?