

On-site Activity/Follow Up Activity

Active Citizenship

stirchley baths



You have learnt how local people became active citizens in response to the closure of Stirchley Baths in 1988 and more recently in 2013, to get the derelict building back into community use. They used different ways to 'persuade' council employees, decision-makers and funders. This included signing petitions, inviting the media to write newspaper articles, sit-ins, attending events and writing letters.

Pretend to be one of those Active Citizens: Write a Persuasive Letter

Imagine it is 1988 and you want to fight to get your local swimming baths open again

OR

Imagine it is 2008 when you want to save the building and bring it back into use for the community.

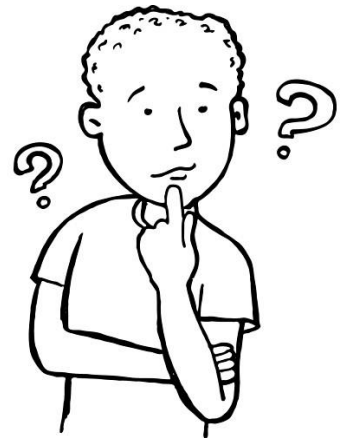
Use the history timeline for facts and evidence that you have found.

<http://stirchleybaths.org/timeline/>

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT...

Who would I write to?
The council?
The newspapers?

What language would I use?
Would I be rude, or professional?
Would I write with passion, as someone who really cares?



PERSUASIVE LETTER TEMPLATE

Your first name
Your school name

Name of the person you are writing to

Their Address

The date (choose either a date in 1988 or a date in 2013)

Dear [NAME] or Sir/Madam if you don't know it.

1. Introduce yourself and the topic you are writing about.
2. In a persuasive letter, you state your opinion or your feelings about something that is important to you after you have introduced yourself.
3. Your letter needs to have the facts, reasons, and examples to support your argument.
4. You should suggest solutions. Without solutions, you are only complaining.

Yours sincerely,

Your first name