

Teaching Climate Change Youth Social Action through Music

Young people could use the 'music of nature':

- For example, bird songs inspire their compositions, which could be developed into scores for mini-films.
- They could also write 'protest songs' or raps about environmental issues.
- Make links to design and technology by exploring the musical properties of natural and pre-used objects or materials and making musical instruments (e.g. rain sticks, wind chimes, drums, shakers)

Making Instruments

- Real Instruments - made from natural materials - deforestation, consumption
- Making instruments from junk

Rhythm

- Rhythm games with sticks and stones
- Listening and recreating natural sounds

Sounds

- How animals communicate
- Bird calls - different species and different meanings
- Bats - echolocation - sound waves
- Dolphin Music
- Sampling sounds in nature

Types of Music

- Natural sounds
- Spiritual music - connection to nature
- Indigenous music - links to climate justice
- Sound Maps

Taking Music Outside

- Creating music outside
- Sound maps
- Measuring noise pollution

Songs

- SOS from the kids
- Campaigning songs - greenpeace
- Raps to climate poetry
- Big yellow Taxi - Joni Mitchell

Music Inspired by Nature

- Lark Ascending - Vaughan Williams
- Mozart
- Music to match scenery
- Weather
- Music as a response to nature