

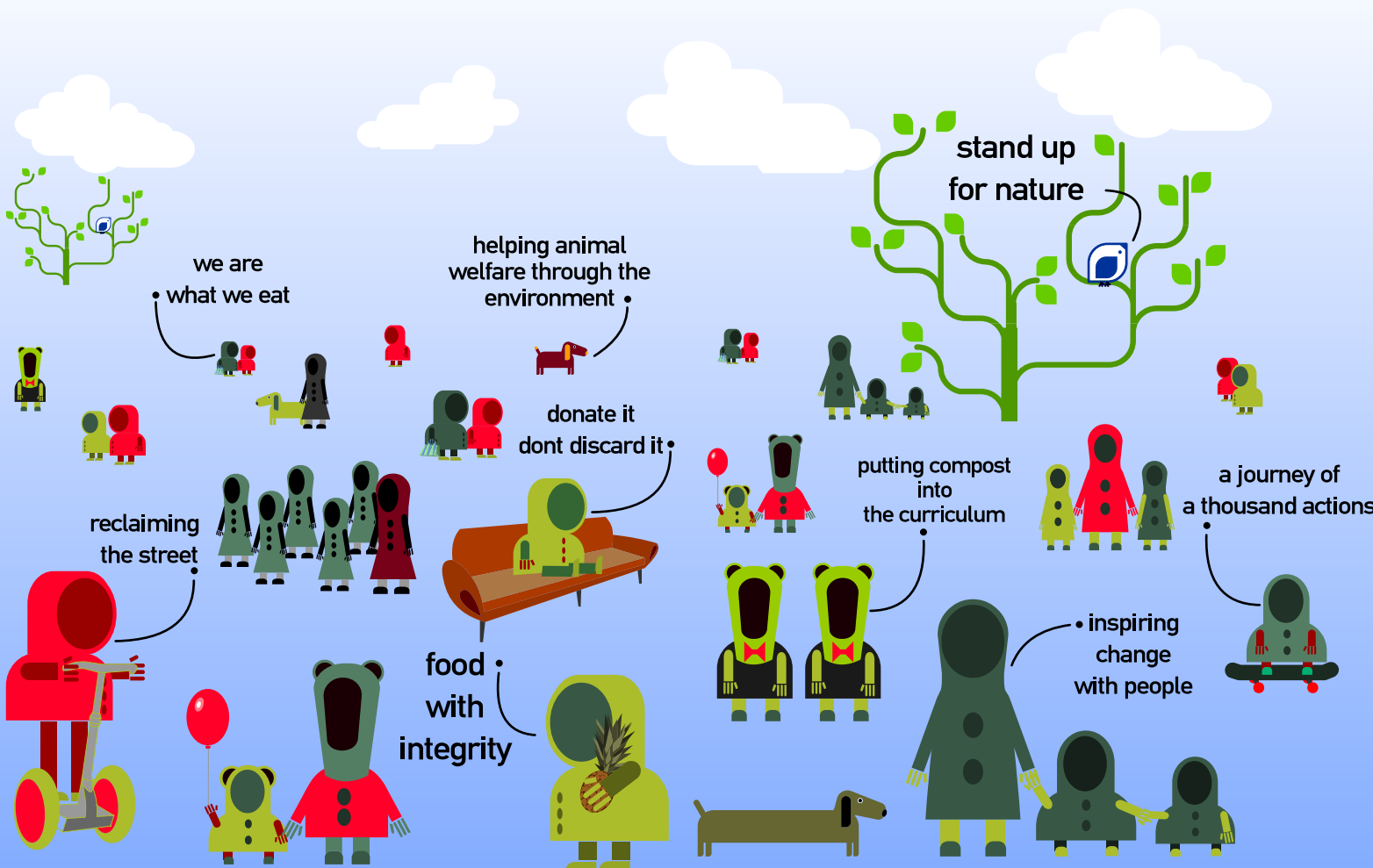


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What Happens When Every Action Counts

Stories to protect & improve our environment



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Over the past three years Every Action Counts has worked to support voluntary and community organisations, nationally and locally, to lead the change towards a more sustainable future. Thousands of community organisations, clubs and societies have taken action to; save energy, travel wisely, save resources, shop ethically, and care for their local area. Community groups bring energy, imagination and creativity to tackling these issues and one of the aims of Every Action Counts has been to celebrate those achievements and inspire others to take their own action by collecting and showcasing the stories of those who are actively making change happen.

The stories and case studies presented here demonstrate that there are a multitude of ways in which we can protect and enhance the places where we live and work whilst at the same time addressing the social and economic needs of our communities. They demonstrate how across the country organisations are tackling issues of inequality and poverty and providing services such as education and housing in ways that are truly sustainable.

There are a range of other Every Actions Counts publications that provide help and guidance with making the day to day operations of your organisation more sustainable, ranging from greening your office or community building to embedding sustainability into your events, people management and governance. Making those kinds of operational changes can help you save money, generate new sources of income and foster external interest and support.

These stories and case studies in this publication, drawn from inside and outside the Every Action Counts programme, do something different. They demonstrate and celebrate the change that happens when we make every action count in our communities. They are the stories that have inspired us. We hope they will inspire you to be the change and to lead the change to a more sustainable future.



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Through our work at Capacity Global to support environmental and social justice, we know neither can be created or sustained without everyone taking positive actions to ensure it happens – individuals, communities groups, charities and social enterprises.

What we've learned whilst gathering the case studies and inspirational stories for this project report is how people from all over England, from diverse backgrounds, communities and organisations, are doing truly inspirational things. The case studies illustrate just how much is happening, from using the story of a bumble bee to work with young children on ethical food to turning derelict land or unused buildings to parks, city farms or community shops.

There are now hundreds of people signing up to Every Action Counts – inspiring each other and acting as champions within their homes, workplaces and communities.

Be inspired, be inspirational, make every action count.

Capacity would like to thank to all the groups, organisations and individuals who were willing to tell their exceptional stories



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