

# **Local issues: litter, air quality, public transport, road safety, noise levels, green spaces**

## **Outline**

### **Introduction**

**Local issues** are problems that can be actioned at the level of a town, city, state or province. They relate to quality of life and economic opportunity that have a strong impact on people's lives. Local issues can cover a lot of different topics, such as health services, quality education, food security issues, gender based violence, poverty, corruption, child abuse, crime, domestic violence, ethnic conflict. I will focus on...

1. **Litter.** Cities have been in an uproar with trash since their existence. The problem of littering affects all of us. In our streets the environmental catastrophe starts with uncontrolled trash and illegal dumping...

#### **Measures:**

Local authorities have a range of powers available to them to help tackle litter problems:

Strict laws prohibiting illegal dumping and littering.

Increasing the number of people engaged in controlling and fining.

Providing relevant knowledge about the environmental costs of littering....

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#### **Conclusion:**

Litter on the ground is the direct result of the lack of responsibility. Putting more trash cans (bins) in public areas would help reduce littering in big cities. If irresponsible people were fined for littering, that could probably stop them from doing the bad activity.

2. **Air quality** – the degree to which the air is clean and free from pollution.

Clean air is essential to our health and to the environment. However, due to human activities causing polluting emissions, air quality has deteriorated considerably. These activities are notably linked to industry, energy production, domestic heating, agriculture and transport....

#### **Measures:**

The government should develop legislation which establishes standards and objectives for a number of pollutants in air.

The legislation should protect the quality of the air we breathe by setting a range of air quality criteria which must be met...

Air quality standards refer to levels of air pollutants prescribed by regulations that may not be exceeded during a specified time in a defined area.

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#### **Conclusion**