

Create Your Own Map of Social Action

Time to Relate

Step 3 Reimagining Your Map

Envision an ideal network that fosters more inclusive, empowered social action. Identify new relationships to strengthen meaningful collaboration and broaden the network inclusively.

Think about:

- What would an ideal version of your social action network look like?
- Are there new relationships, voices, or communities you want to include?
- How might you rebalance existing relationships?
- What strategies could address power imbalances within your connections?
- What are the next steps you could take to strengthen, expand, or reshape your map?
- How can you track or reflect on the changes in your network over time?

This tool was created by [Social Action Inquiry Scotland](#).

The Inquiry partnered with 17 communities across Scotland, who were resourced to use storytelling to share what helps and hinders their social action.

Time to Relate is one of the four themes that emerged from the Inquiry. **Time to Relate** means acknowledging that it's time to work

more relationally, to embrace the human aspects of our work and come together in a more generative form of partnership. **Time to Relate** also means that it takes time to relate, to build relationships and co-create.

[Find out more at socialaction.scot.](http://socialaction.scot)

You can use the questions and blank space within to draw your own map of social action.

How to use it?



To amplify relational approaches, inspire new partnerships, and empower transformative, inclusive change across Scotland's social landscape.

Why use it?



Communities and individuals.

Who is it for?



Use this tool to create your own map of social action. Shifting from isolated work to a collaborative, relational ecosystem.

What is it?





Step 1 Mapping Out Your Connections

Identify your closest relationships that shape or support your social action. You can use symbols or colours to show different types of connections (e.g., strong allies, emerging partnerships, or marginalized voices).

Some prompts include:

- Where does your social action take place (physical locations, online spaces, communities)?
- Who are the key people, groups, or organisations you are connected to in this work?
- How do you engage with each connection (frequency, method/style, shared goals)?
- What is the main purpose or role of each relationship in your social action network?

You can use the offerings on this page to draw in a way that feels right for you, your landscape of connections and relationships for your social action.
Looking for inspiration? Try a map of Scotland or an interconnected web.



Who is missing
or under-represented
in your
current network?

Step 2 Reflecting on Existing Connections

An opportunity to assess the depth, quality, and dynamics of these relationships. Consider which connections offer reflection, trust, growth, and which may need more attention or balance.

Some prompts include:

- Which relationships feel strong, supportive, or aligned with your values?
- In what ways do these connections create space for trust, reflection, and relationship-building?
 - Do any connections support you in bringing more of your whole self into the work?
 - Where do you feel safe and respected in expressing ideas?
- How does power show up in your connections?

