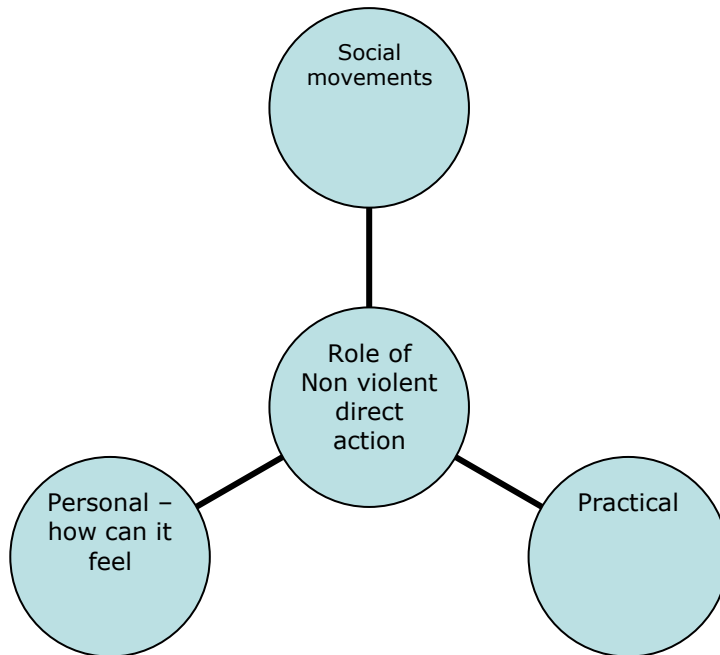


## January Summary



### **What or who...**

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Greatest activist?  
Media inspiration?  
Fears about NVDA?  
Gets you out of bed  
in the morning?

**?**

### **Role play – asylum seeker deportation 1**

Group split into – immigration officers, asylum seeker; police; different groups of activists trying to prevent deportation off asylum seeker. Object for the immigration officers to get the asylum seeker out and away. I was an immigration officer. Out of the door there are the activists chaos ensues; how easy it is to start lying and pick up on people's weaknesses; use guilt? Where are the police? Being held up but others lying on the ground as protest and when they come they don't know what they're doing. Chaos.

#### Debrief

Where did the power lie – and did this change? What contributed to the level of non-violence?

#### Activists

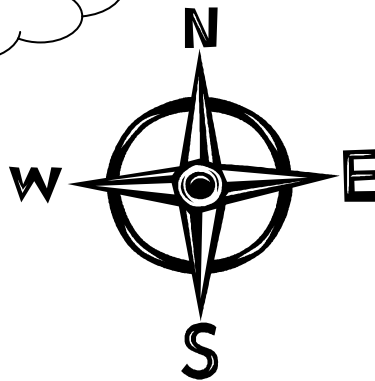
- Had physical power of numbers when the police weren't there.
- Use of knowledge as power
- Few people reassuring Ayesha
- Could have been better organised

#### Officials

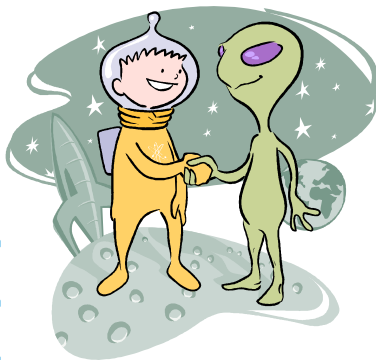
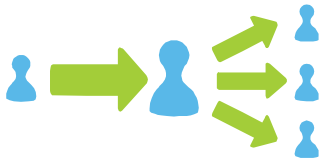
- Police badly organised - boss kept disappearing
- Initial power with immigration then the number of activists overtook this
- Using asylum seeker distress as power

# NON VIOLENT DIRECT ACTION – DEFINITIONS & IDEAS

Fun,  
creative



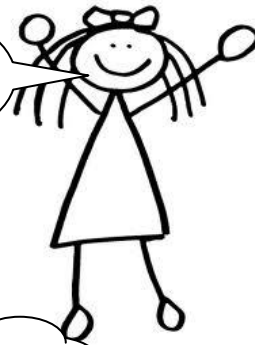
Empowering,  
pragmatic,  
taking a stand,  
timed, short and  
long tem goals



Planned,  
communicated  
active, means  
to an end,  
taking a stand



You're  
pants



Challenge the  
status quo

### ***Affinity Groups***

Find what you agree on, appreciate roles and limitations, what attributes do you have that are helpful or unhelpful, respect diversity of contribution, strategy, responsibility, give space, co-ordination, energy raising, motivation, trust and honesty, keeping it safe.

### ***The Fishbowl***

Taking in turns to explore interactions of groups and individuals from a differing viewpoint but all about climate change – is there room for non violent direct action in the movement? The individuals represented were from:

- Individual campaigner within the law
- Campaigner lobbyist with NGO
- NGO staff member but also direct activist
- Campaigning MP
- Anti-capitalist direct action

Conversations showed the importance of joining things up but also being honest about motivations – just because you share a broad view doesn't mean you'll all agree.

### ***Role Play – asylum seeker deportation 2***

The same deportation scenario as before, groups mixed up and using what we've learnt. Everyone more organised and better communication – on both the immigration officials and police and activists. Still some chaos but we'd communicated better and thought out a strategy and some roles – even if these could have been further developed.

Evaluation and Adieu until February .