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<b>Global catastrophic risks mitigated</b>	<b>Risk multipliers managed</b>	<b>Implementation timeframe</b>
<b>Climate change</b>	<b>Conflict or political violence</b>	<b>Short</b>
<b>Unknown risks</b>	<b>Institutions that lack inclusivity or accountability</b>	
	<b>Poverty and inequality</b>	

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# **SPEAK!: People and communities "speak with" each other across lines of division**

SPEAK! is a global campaign to addressing those trying to turn us against each other. It's no longer enough to speak to those who already agree with us; to create real change, we must speak across lines of division.

## **DETAILS**

Our attached report explains in detail the approach, learnings and outcomes. Our website (<https://www.togetherwespeak.org>) has additional information including our online resources.

The global SPEAK! campaign has proven to be a scalable and impactful approach. The following are key learnings from the campaign that can be used for further engagement.

1. Distributed models of action across geographic and diverse interests are possible:

Online meetings and social platforms makes organizing and connecting that wasn't previously possible. However, it is still driven by the personal connections among both the coordination team and a core group of event organisers.

Key to this was the innovation of identifying a group of SPEAK! Champion organisations, who helped lead the campaign in their communities and countries. Instead of funding to host events, organisers were provided with tailored materials, recognition and connection to the SPEAK! Enablers workshops and other organisers to run successful events.

2. People-powered data can drive real change:

We increased our efforts to embed simple, quick, and effective methods for data collection – including post event followup to help track real outcomes. The result was evidence of both successes and 'failures', which can improve work at the local level and power advocacy at the global level.

3. Efforts to bridge divisions are increasing critical:

The core objective of SPEAK! is to bring people together across lines of division. Feedback from event organisers, as well as new CIVICUS research on the rise of anti-rights groups, suggests the use of dialogue to resolve conflict and build trust has never been more crucial – indeed, in some cases, it should have begun long ago.

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## WIDER IMPLICATIONS

### **Alleviating poverty and inequality**

The events support communities to find the local solutions that are already working and build upon them to further build inclusive societies.

### **Enhancing inclusivity and accountability in national and global governance**

The events support communities to find the local solutions that are already working and build upon them to further build inclusive societies.

### **Reducing conflict and political violence**

The events help to reduce conflict by building trust between divided communities. This trust is the first step in finding collective positive action to address conflict and violence in our communities.

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## THEORY OF CHANGE

### **Implementation strategy**

SPEAK! is a distributable global campaign. It depends on local organisers to hold events on the issues most important in their communities. The local organisers are supported by SPEAK! Champions - a core group of organisations from across the world, who volunteered to lead the campaign in their country or community. The SPEAK! Champions are provided online training and support from SPEAK! Enablers.

A suite of online tools is available online at <https://www.togetherwespeak.org/resources/> and online groups, one-to-one calls and group trainings are provided to all organisations with SPEAK! Champions committed to attending all training and sharing their knowledge with local organisations. While there is no financial support for the Champions or organisers, the campaign adds value to their efforts by bringing visibility and credibility to their work.

### **Political will exists to realise this proposal**

SPEAK! has been supported by local government, national governments as well as small to large INGOs.

### **What if political will does not exist yet**

We will continue to research and strengthen the outcomes that bringing people together across divides benefits the long-term inclusivity and peace of communities.

## **MITIGATING RISKS**

### **Mitigating climate change**

For communities where climate change is an immediate concern, their events focus on that issue. For other communities, SPEAK! helps build the connections, trust and peace that is needed in order to start to address climate change issues.

### **Mitigating unknown risks**

This distributive model strengthens communication and relationship from all geographic locations, language divides, and issues. It is this type of inclusive campaign that can strengthen these ties as well as address issues in a community that is needed for the foundation to address new (currently unknown) risks. Without trust, without communication, we will not be in a place to work together.