

Hosting a Letter to the Editor Party



Picture a fired up group of like-minded locals coming together over a cuppa to talk strategy, pool local knowledge and amplify their voices through collective local action. Now, that's a letter to the editor party!

Working in a group allows you to brainstorm what federal election issues will most affect the local community, and what you'll call on your MP and candidates to do in response. Hosting a letter to the editor party is a fun way to introduce friends to political action, and strategise together about how to have the biggest impact in your local paper.

All you need to host

- A comfy space like your living room or a cafe
- A handful of keen friends or neighbours to join you
- Paper and pens (if guests have their laptops or tablets that's great too)
- GetUp's "Writing a Letter to the Editor Guide" to share
- A few great letters to the editor examples for inspiration

Invite your friends

As host, it's your responsibility to invite friends, family, neighbours and colleagues to join you. Please note that GetUp doesn't have capacity to actively promote your event to other local members.

Your party agenda

Activity	More info
Start by opening up the conversation!	Has anyone written a letter to the editor before? What issues are folks keen to write about?
Share top tips	Run through the tips and Steps 1, 2, 3 & 4 from GetUp's "Writing a Letter to the Editor Guide". Find your local papers here: http://www.newspapers.com.au
Draft your letters	Ask everyone to spend some time planning and then writing their draft letter. Set a time to come back together.
Come back together	This is when you might choose to share your drafts with one another, provide feedback, and proofread. This is a great team building exercise!
Send them in!	You may send all your letters to the same paper, or across a few papers.

Share your story with the GetUp community

Your letter to the editor party has the power to fire up members all over the country. Email your photos and a copy of any published piece to takeaction@getup.org.au. Include your full name and electorate so GetUp can share your story with the rest of our community.

