

## Clean It!

 **Step:** Five - Act!

 **Time:** 50 min

 **Space and materials:**

- Bags to collect garbage and recyclable materials;
- Latex gloves (or reusable gloves);
- Motivational pictures - before and after of polluted areas (optional).

 **Description of the tool**

1. Together with the participants identify an area that requires cleaning. It could be a local park or a beach or even a busy street where people can observe the action and possibly become influenced.
2. Divide the participants into teams and start the cleaning process. Give clear instructions on separating the garbage from the recyclable materials.
3. Once the selected area is cleaned, ask the participants how they felt about the process, what they think could be done to encourage cleaner public spaces and collect concrete ideas. Select volunteers to follow up on these ideas.

 **Additional remarks**

After the activity, it may be a great opportunity to create a list of recommendations for further actions – e.g., demand from municipalities (school administration) to have more bins for recycling in outdoor areas (pedestrian lanes, parks, beach, etc.).

Keep the collected recyclable materials as it can be used in the next exercise.