

## EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS

*Focus Maui Nui participants came up with 5 Key Strategies for Action to build the future we want: Improve education; Protect the natural environment and resources; Address infrastructure challenges; Adopt targeted economic development strategies; and Preserve local culture and address human needs. Here are some ideas we came up with to get you started on taking action! Use these or create your own.*

- Orient youth to preparing and presenting public testimony that relates to improving a situation in their community.
- Evaluate personal or business purchasing practices and “buy local” where possible.
- Create incentives to get members or patrons to carpool to events.
- Adopt the policy of correct spelling and treatment of the Hawaiian language in all communications.
- Work with your school to enable students to perform community service as part of their learning experience.
- Align your organization’s strategic plan with Focus Maui Nui vision and strategies.
- Take the MEO Central Maui bus system.
- Set up a “recycle a book” program for youth (K-12) at your business.
- Create kiosks/tables with information on recycling, energy efficiency, health care, affordable housing, teen pregnancy, chemical dependency.
- Work with your favorite school to start a natural resources project or academy.
- Offer parenting skills and financial planning workshops for your employees.
- Help spread the word about the vision and goals of Focus Maui Nui to your network of friends and organizations through your newsletter or word of mouth.
- Arrange a session with an environmental professional at your business to help assess your environmental practices.
- Spend at least one hour per month volunteering at your school.
- Testify at public hearings on the importance of supporting the Focus Maui Nui values and principles.
- Facilitate the development of “walking” communities.
- Convert to solar energy and encourage your neighbors to do the same.
- Have students develop a project to research a current community issue and come up with solutions and recommendations to help solve it.
- “Adopt” the park or playground where you regularly meet with friends and agree to tackle a monthly beautification project together with their families.

- Educate our visitors about the ways to respect our cultural sites and practices.
- Arrange for separate collection bins for recycling aluminum, plastic and glass bottles at all your events.
- Promote stewardship among students by having them study their individual positive and negative impacts on the community and come up with improvements.
- Invest in local business ventures.
- Create mechanisms for constructive community input in development initiatives.
- Participate in community planning processes for development initiatives.
- Donate outdated blueprints to preschools that can use them for art projects.
- Offer internships in your company or organization for high school or college students.
- Develop appropriate laws and regulations to allow individuals to create a new business and work from home.
- Testify at Board of Education meetings on behalf of your PTA on the challenges and success stories of your school.
- Implement energy efficiency practices and policies in your home or office.
- Include cultural training in the orientation of new employees, recognizing the multi-cultural richness of Maui County.
- Participate in public forums and hearings on transportation and housing.
- Encourage cooperative ventures for individuals wanting to market products which they have produced.
- "Adopt" a classroom at your favorite school and help its teacher provide the supplies needed throughout the year.
- Survey our community for services being done *off*-island as potential for providing the service *on*-island.
- Work to align government with Focus Maui Nui priorities.
- Develop cultural tour of Wailuku and Kahului towns.
- Partner with other Maui businesses on trade shows, in news ads, brochures, etc.
- Start a program to provide or improve access to computers to students who cannot afford them.
- Regularly sponsor community service advertisements for nonprofit organizations.
- Arrange for business and community leaders to talk with youth participants about career options and how to prepare for them.
- Coordinate the donation of native plants and work with a local venue to incorporate the plants into their landscaping.
- Where possible, provide family-friendly practices so employees can volunteer, attend school functions, care for an elderly parent.