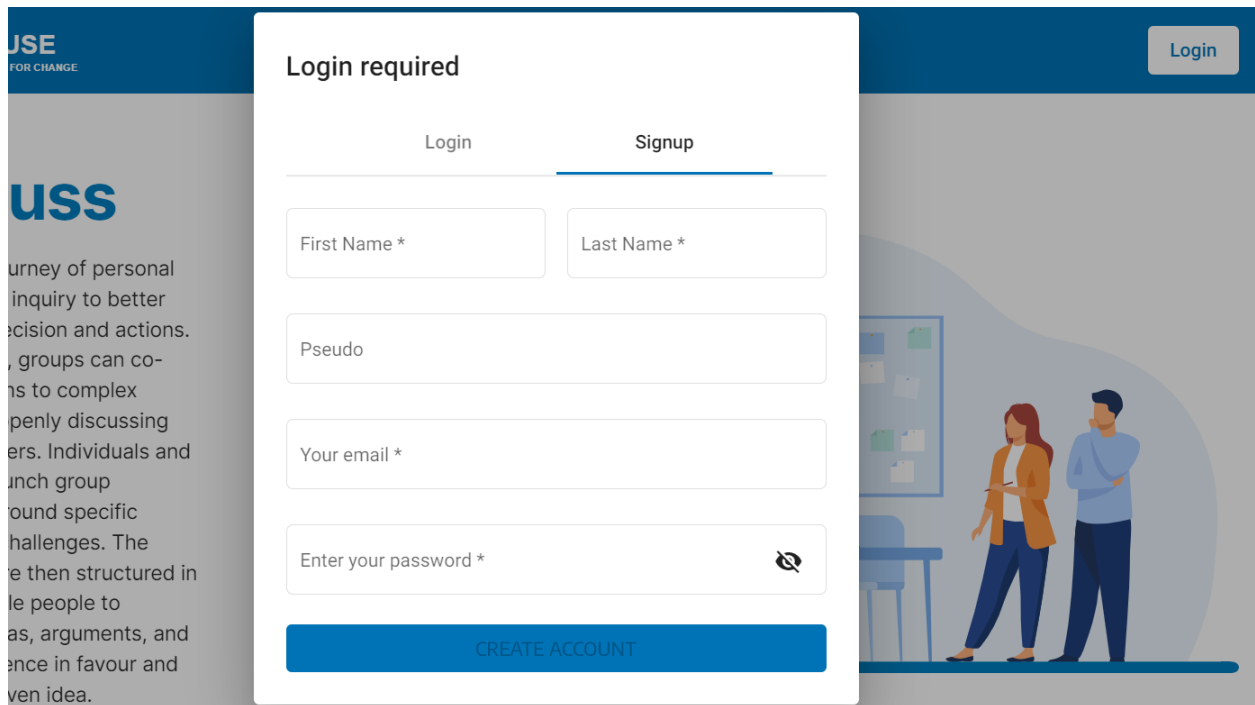


The BCAUSE platform User Guide

Signing up & Login instructions

Go to the main BCAUSE Website and Sign Up using the [Login link HERE](#) or using the button on the top right corner. You just need to enter a name, email and password and you are good to go!



The screenshot shows a web interface for the BCAUSE platform. At the top left, the logo reads "JSE FOR CHANGE". On the right side of the top navigation bar, there is a "Login" button. The main content area features a large "USS" heading and a paragraph of text describing the platform's purpose. Overlaid on this is a white modal window titled "Login required". This modal has two tabs: "Login" and "Signup", with the "Signup" tab currently selected. The form contains the following fields: "First Name *" and "Last Name *" (two separate input boxes), "Pseudo" (one input box), "Your email *" (one input box), and "Enter your password *" (one input box with a password icon). A blue button labeled "CREATE ACCOUNT" is positioned at the bottom of the modal. The background of the page shows an illustration of two people standing in a meeting room.

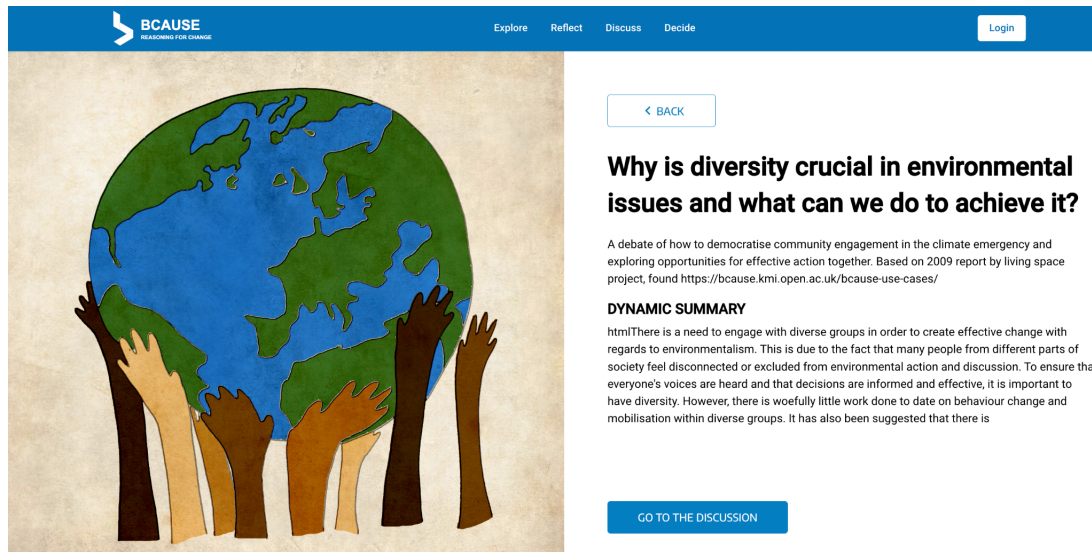
Entering a debate

You can view the list of current ongoing debates by visiting <https://bcause.app/discuss/landing> and enter a debate of interest by clicking on “Read more”.

You can view the Oxford heritage use case topics only, here:

<https://bcause.app/discuss/group/-N6mQtHLzHkAjei0Xwpy>

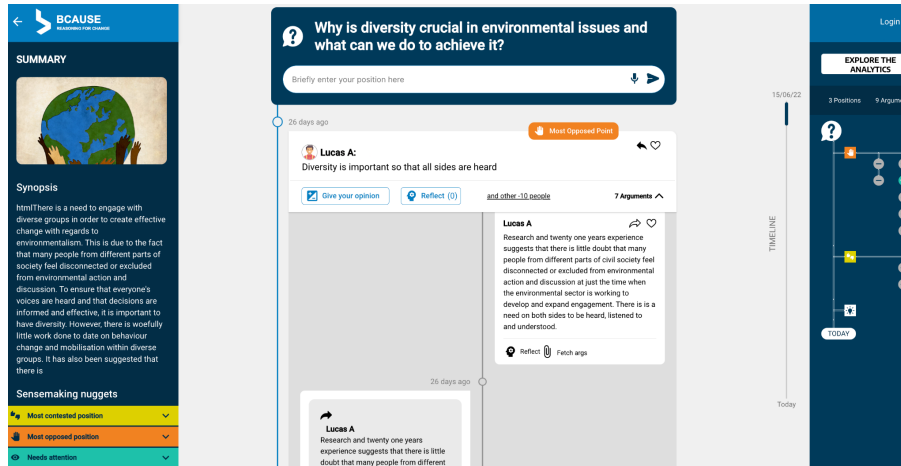
Upon entering a debate, you will be presented with a preview of the discussion. This will include the title and a short introductory description and a summary of the discussion that has taken place already.



The screenshot displays the Bcause app interface. At the top, a blue navigation bar contains the Bcause logo (a stylized 'B' with an arrow) and the text 'BCAUSE REASONING FOR CHANGE'. To the right of the logo are the menu items 'Explore', 'Reflect', 'Discuss', and 'Decide'. Further right is a 'Login' button. Below the navigation bar is a large image of a globe held by several hands of different skin tones. To the right of the image is a debate page. At the top of the page is a '< BACK' button. The main heading is 'Why is diversity crucial in environmental issues and what can we do to achieve it?'. Below the heading is a short introductory text: 'A debate of how to democratise community engagement in the climate emergency and exploring opportunities for effective action together. Based on 2009 report by living space project, found <https://bcause.kmi.open.ac.uk/bcause-use-cases/>'. Below this is a section titled 'DYNAMIC SUMMARY' followed by a paragraph of text: 'There is a need to engage with diverse groups in order to create effective change with regards to environmentalism. This is due to the fact that many people from different parts of society feel disconnected or excluded from environmental action and discussion. To ensure that everyone's voices are heard and that decisions are informed and effective, it is important to have diversity. However, there is woefully little work done to date on behaviour change and mobilisation within diverse groups. It has also been suggested that there is'. At the bottom of the page is a 'GO TO THE DISCUSSION' button.

Into the discussion

The BCAUSE discussion interface is split in three main panels: (i) A summary in the left column, (ii) the main discussion in the middle and (iii) a map of the argument tree in the right column.









The Summary

The summary conveys the gist of the whole discussion. This is useful to newcomers or those returning to a lengthy conversation to quickly orient themselves..

Sense Making Nuggets

Apart from the synopsis, there are -what we call sensemaking nuggets, which essentially identify important elements that you can use to navigate your way around the discussion.

Sensemaking nuggets

-  **Most contested position** 
-  **Most opposed position** 
-  **Needs attention** 

Moral and ethical values (e.g. equality, right to clean healthy environment) shape fair environmental and social change. It should ensure that excluded stakeholders get to part in decisions that affect their environment and quality of life.

Main discussion

The discussion is organised in pro or con arguments for each position.

You can enter a new position using the input form at the top of the page OR enter a new comment to an existin position usig the two input boxes (left for opposing (con), right for supporting (pro))

26 days ago

Most Contested Point

bbrayshay:
We need an action programme to develop a more inclusive sector

Give your opinion Reflect (0) and other -10 people 2 Arguments ^

governmental organisations but these are not yet common practice. The scale and balance of power needs to shift and resources found to develop this work as part of a core purpose.

Reflect Fetch args

12 days ago

Anna
A coordinated programme would be useful, but where do we start to build it? And Who should launch it?

Reflect Fetch args

TODAY

Give your Cons >

Give your Pros >

Interacting with positions

You can express your level of agreement on a given position by clicking the “**Give your opinion**” button. While expressing your level of agreement by moving the slider left (disagree) or right (agree), you can enter new supporting or opposing arguments.

QUESTION

Why is diversity crucial in environmental issues and what can we do to achieve it?

bbrayshay:
We need an action programme to develop a more inclusive sector

I strongly agree

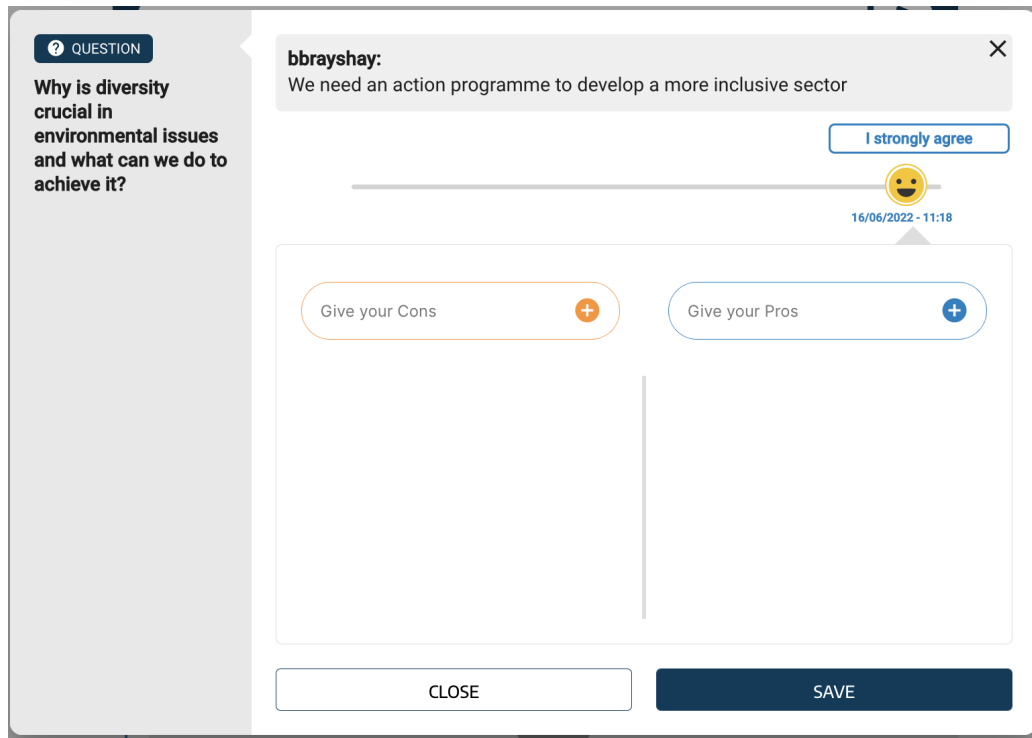
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Give your Cons +

Give your Pros +

CLOSE

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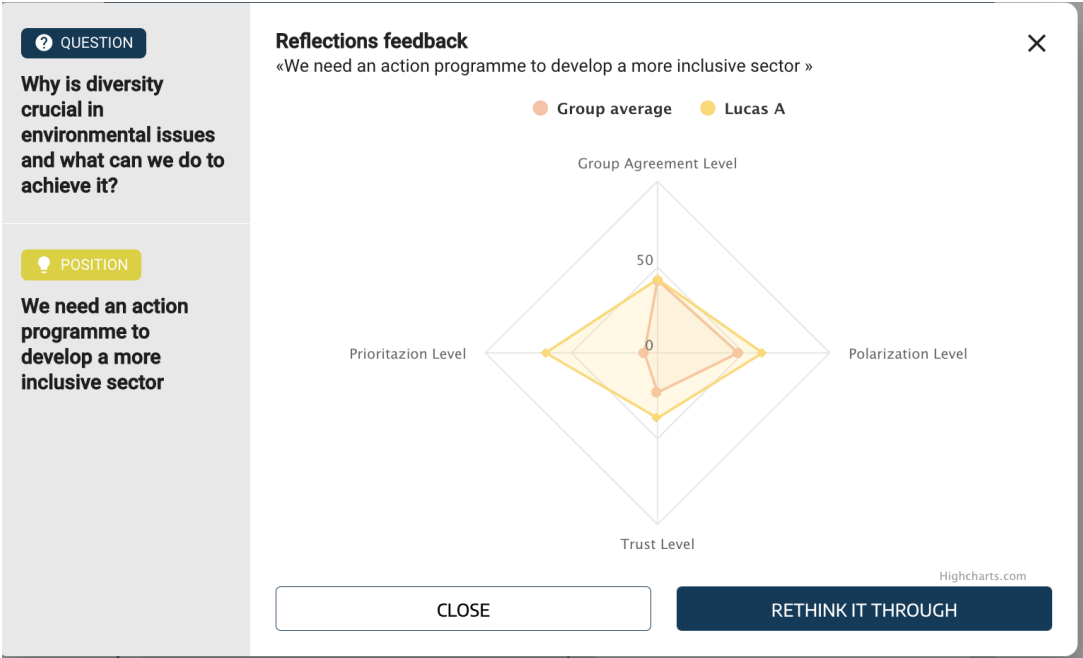


You can also **reflect** on a given position (or argument in this case) by clicking the reflect button

The screenshot displays a survey interface with a sidebar on the left and a main content area on the right. The sidebar contains a 'QUESTION' section with the text 'Why is diversity crucial in environmental issues and what can we do to achieve it?' and a 'POSITION' section with the text 'We need an action programme to develop a more inclusive sector'. The main content area is titled 'To what extent do you agree that' and features four horizontal Likert scales. Each scale has a blue dot indicating the percentage of respondents who selected that position. The scales are: 1. 'This is a very polarized position' (61% at high polarization), 2. 'It is clear I can trust this' (38% at high trust), 3. 'This should be prioritized' (65% at high prioritization), and 4. 'Most people would agree with this' (43% at high group agreement). Navigation buttons for 'BACK' and 'NEXT' are located at the bottom of the main content area.

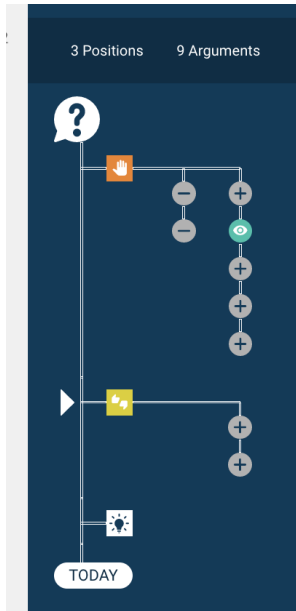
Statement	Percentage
This is a very polarized position	61%
It is clear I can trust this	38%
This should be prioritized	65%
Most people would agree with this	43%

Where you will be asked to rate your perception of the given position on critical dimensions such as *trustworthiness*, *polarisation*, *prioritisation*, *group agreement*. Next you can see how you compare with the rest of the community:



Argument Tree

The argument tree offers a bird-eye view on how the discussion has shaped, i.e. a visual on the structure of positions and arguments. By clicking on each leaf of this tree, you will be transferred to the corresponding point of the conversation. Also note, the automatic identified important bits (what we call sensemaking nuggets) are clearly marked



Outputs from the Discussion

At the end of the online engagement the discussions of each of the key topics can be collated and used as the framework for an output from the process in a format to be agreed by the participants, for example as a consultation or pathfinding publication.