

ACTIVITY

Whose interests should be represented?

PLANETARY HEALTH
ACADEMY



INTRODUCTION

For an introduction (or if you discussed before, for a break) you can do a little game where each of you names one useless superpower they would love to have.

Example: *No matter where you go, you always know exactly where the restrooms are located*

DISCUSSION

- Whose interests should count when making (political) decisions on climate action?
- Should these interests be weighed equally?
- On which grounds should these decisions be made?

Which perspective fits best to your answers above? Why do you include or exclude certain entities?

Perspective	Characteristics	Who?
Anthropocentrism	State of being human, personhood	Human beings
Pathocentrism	Ability to suffer	Higher Animals
Biocentrism	State of being alive	All living things
Holism	Existence	Animate + inanimate things + supraorganismic wholes

[after Martin Gorke (2003) *The Death of our Planet's Species*, Island Press]

- Did you consider future generations yet? If not, how could their interest be incorporated?
- How do we incorporate interests of people from the whole world?
- How would you draw a figure representing who should be included?