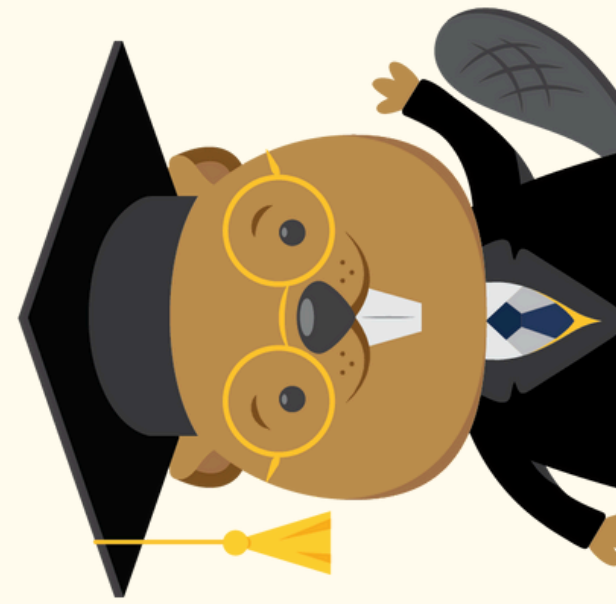


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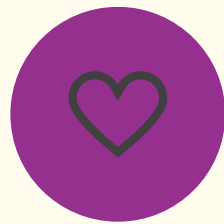
What is Ask Beaver?



The purpose of Ask Beaver is to combat misinformation by **seeking answers from primary sources**. Essentially, you will be coming up with questions for **Political Parties, NGOs, Individual Politicians, and Public Institutions**.

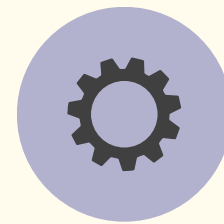
Please keep in mind that the questions **need to be non-partisan** and have a government nature to them. We ask that you come up with at least 3 questions per target. For each question, you will get 1 hour of volunteer service!

Ask Beaver Workflow



TRAIN

- You will have a work journal created for you to organize your questions and outreach targets (e.g., MP/MLA).



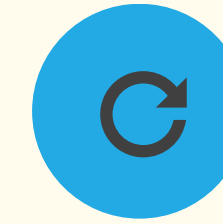
OBTAIN

- You will start creating non partisan questions for specific targets. All questions should be plugged into your work journals and the MasterSheet list.



CREATE

- You will have the option to create an infographic from the responses recieved. (Refer to page 9 for more information)



FINISH

- Congrats! You've just taken the beginning steps to become a political journalist and a social media member! We cant wait to see what you continue to achieve!

Creating Questions: *Politicians*

DO:

Ask personal questions specific to that individual, such as

1. Career advice to youth
2. Daily routine

Questions must be as impartial and non-partisan as possible.

DO NOT:

Ask political or partisan questions, such as

1. A bill they are sponsoring
2. Follow-up questions about a topic they commented on publicly, etc.



Creating Questions:

Political Parties

DO:

Ask political parties about certain topics such as Research track related questions (Climate change, homelessness, refugees, or significant social issues)

DO NOT:

Ask questions from the YouCount website (<https://www.youcount.ca/ask-eager-beaver>)



Creating Questions: *Public Institutions*

DO:

Ask topic-oriented questions.

For example,

- asking IRCC for immigration issue
- RCMP on law enforcement
- HoC regarding MPs' duties
- SENgage or Senators' duties, etc.

DO NOT:

Ask any knowledge-oriented questions (e.g. What is a constitutional monarchy in the Canadian context?)



Creating Questions:

Non-Governmental Organizations

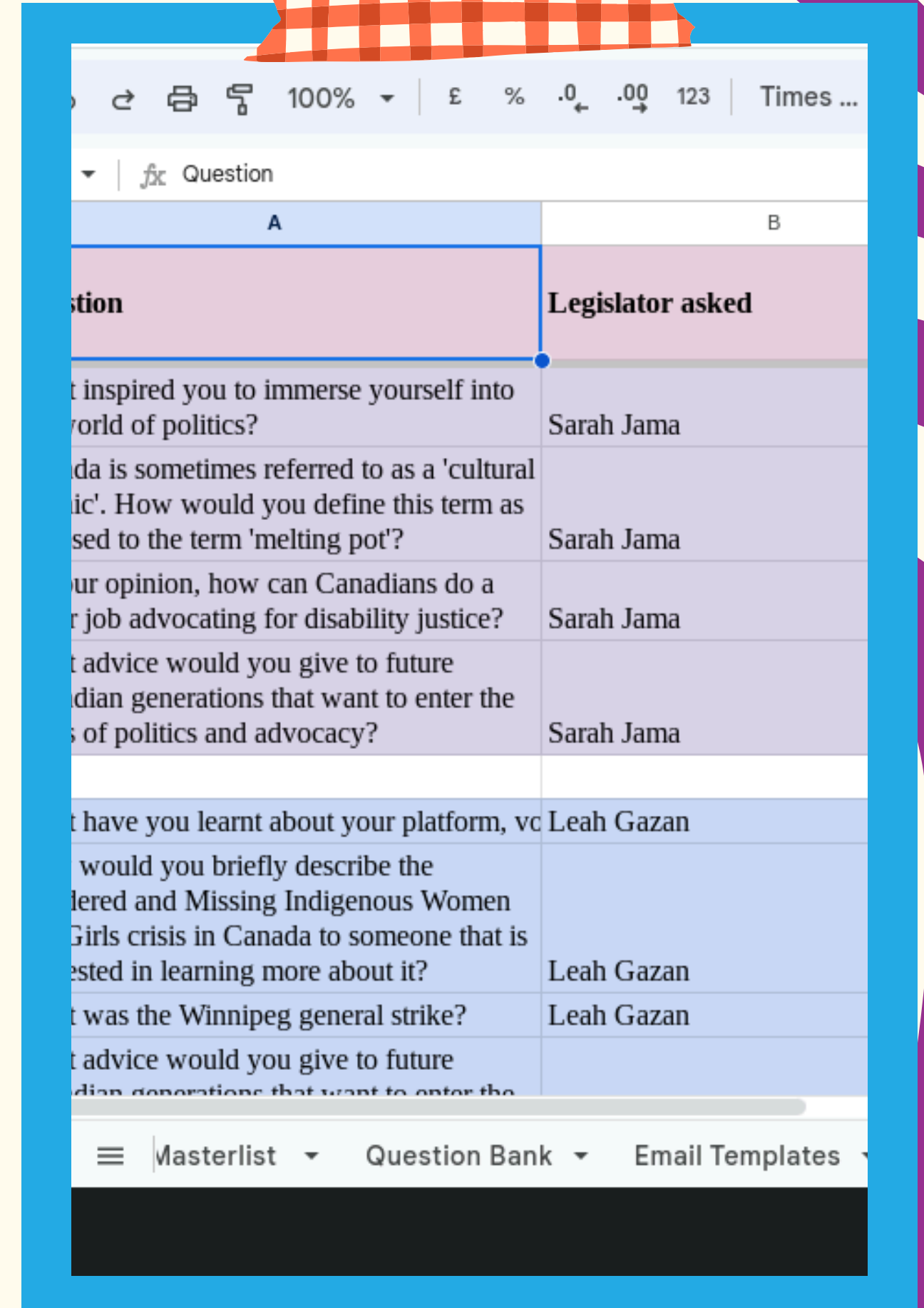
DO:

Ask topic-oriented questions, for example:

- Asking Canadian Cancer Society about statistics about cancer
- topics such as health and well-being, sustainable cities, or digital revolution for sustainable development

Beginning Steps

1. In your personal work journal, **create questions** for any outreach target. Please indicate which (Politician, Political Party, Institution, or NGO?), and their email.
2. Copy and paste your questions along with who is to be asked into the **MasterSheet**. This is to ensure there are no duplicates of outreach targets. View document here: [ASK BEAVER 2024](#)
3. **Update us** via Discord or email (admin@glocalfoundation.ca). We will send out the emails.
4. Once an answer has been provided with consent for release, **optionally create an infographic**.



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Question	Legislator asked
What inspired you to immerse yourself into world of politics?	Sarah Jama
Canada is sometimes referred to as a 'cultural mosaic'. How would you define this term as it relates to the term 'melting pot'?	Sarah Jama
In your opinion, how can Canadians do a better job advocating for disability justice?	Sarah Jama
What advice would you give to future Canadian generations that want to enter the field of politics and advocacy?	Sarah Jama
What have you learnt about your platform, vision and values?	Leah Gazan
How would you briefly describe the Gendered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls crisis in Canada to someone that is not interested in learning more about it?	Leah Gazan
What was the Winnipeg general strike?	Leah Gazan
What advice would you give to future Canadian generations that want to enter the field of politics and advocacy?	

Creating Infographics

- 1 IF you have expressed interest in the infographic creation, follow these steps:
- 2 Create a copy of the Ask Beaver Infographic Template: (<https://www.canva.com/design/DAF2UelcjSE/view>) and title the page.
- 3 Pick any response that interests you, and re edit the template with your own preferences of font/size/colour
- 4 Submit infographic in PNG via email, update Ask Beaver Response sheet to indicate infographic is complete.



Important Links

The updated Ask Beaver Tracker can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UfoLwXoAFK6JhLIfKvzA31H0C-oQ4CxMfQ7IjPuk6OQ/edit#gid=1889337124>

The infographic template can be found here (create a copy):

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAF2UelcjSE/view>

