

## **Attitudes when trying to communicate in the Ethics module**

NB Best to do it dynamically in discussion, addressing issues as they occur

### ***Micro actions vs macro actions***

Wanting to address more the small habits of our daily life than the big issues of eg abortion, euthanasia, thought experiments re. “if you be transported back in time and had the chance to kill Hitler before the war...”

### ***Personal actions vs Political actions***

Looking at the balance between the need to change ourselves, but also have an effect on the world. We can be too “politically focussed” – not bothering about personal change. But maybe also too subjectively focussed, without the compassionate action. But we’ll probably have to draw in the conversation away from the political to the personal arena more than vice versa..

### ***Individual, in the moment decisions***

Ethics not about creating rules that are applied in a blanket law, but each action is unique & it’s ethical charge is unique to the moment. So “blurring the edges” of conversations where people try to come up with too simple a blanket rule. Or pointing out the difficulty of thought-experiments: you just don’t know how you’ll feel or behave.

### ***Own actions vs. other peoples’ actions***

Steer people away from talking about others’ ethical choices and back to theirs. Eg. Other people driving 4x4s vs my own environmental choices

### ***Relativism vs Absolutism***

Not a morally relativistic approach – there are parameters governing skifulness. Yet, no authoritarian rule that can determine it, and we recognise a lot of conventional morality is conditioning. Understand ethics as a natural principle at work.

### ***Interconnection self & other***

### ***Subjective & Objective***

Can be too subject or