


SPEAK, ACT, DO

WHAT DOES IT OFFER?




Speak Act Do is Concern's school programme to engage students and schools in global issues whatever the location or context of the school. It is designed to be flexible, led by the school and supported by the Concern schools team. You can sign up two students to a whole school (and anything in between). It can be used as a stand-alone project, or embedded into CSPE or Politics and Society.


The aim of the programme is to:

1. Develop student's knowledge about issues such as inequality, poverty and hunger and how they impact on communities in the Global South 
2. Make connections between issues in Ireland and globally
3. Support students to create and undertake an action project from beginning to end


How does the programme work?

- September-November: Choose **one of five global issues to research in depth** (gender equality, climate change, hunger, conflict or poverty) and research it to find out about its root causes, links to history as well as the impact on people's lives today 
- December: **Brainstorm ideas to take action on the issue.** In this process students will explore what they want to achieve through their action, who they are targeting and what actions will have the most impactful outcome
- January – March: Using the research and action ideas, choose **two actions to undertake – one to show support/solidarity to the global community facing this issue, and one to take action locally**

What do I need to do?


1. Sign up to the programme online here! <https://www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/secondary-education-programmes/speak-act-do> 
2. Check out the key dates for the programme over the academic year – each part of the programme should be completed by these key dates.
3. Finally, get started!

What do students get from the programme?

- Knowledge and understanding of global challenges - moving beyond the facts to exploring why this problem even exists in our society and in the Global South 
- Skills in researching, critical thinking, tackling fake news as well as experience of running a project from conception to evaluation

- Being part of a movement to work towards a better and more equal world both locally and globally
- A chance to share projects with their peers around the country at our end of year event – Agents of Change
- Each student who participates will receive a certificate, and the school will receive a schools certificate. Three schools judged to have the best projects will be up to win prizes!
- Teachers can nominate a number of students within their group(s) who have shown exceptional leadership or interest over the course of the programme. These students will be shortlisted to become a Concern Youth Ambassador for the next school year!

How will I be supported and what will I need to do?

1. You will receive a programme pack containing a facilitator's guide, research guide, a poster and an action menu containing easy to run ideas to take action in your school 
2. We offer two webinars over the year for teachers to support you in supporting your students, as well as check in's over the year from the schools team
3. We will offer workshops with your groups(s) to develop their knowledge of their chosen topic, or to get them started
4. At the end of each section your Speak Act Do group(s) will be invited to contribute their feedback, suggestions and tips into Padlet (link provided at each stage) to connect with other groups taking part, as well as sharing and receiving tips from their peers.
5. Schools will submit a short evaluation detailing the project and any feedback, as well as a two minute video created by the students to share the outline and outcomes of their project. The video and evaluation will be emailed to schools@concern.net. These will be used in the judging process to decide the best project for the academic year!