



**CONCERN WORLDWIDE
ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP**

PRIMARY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

2021-2022

- ★ Online Talks and Workshops
- ★ Concern Debates
- ★ Hunger Heroes
- ★ Free Educational Resources

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“Education for sustainable development aims to equip learners with the relevant knowledge (the ‘what’), the key dispositions and skills (the ‘how’) and the values (the ‘why’) that will motivate and empower them throughout their lives to become informed active citizens who take action for a more sustainable future.”

(Ireland’s National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development 2014-2020)

WELCOME TO CONCERN’S ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME 2021-2022

WHAT WE OFFER:

- **Free Online talks and workshops for your class over zoom or a platform of your choice!**
- **Free Education Packs**
- **Concern Primary Debates**
- **Classroom talks and resources**
- **Peer to Peer learning**
- **Teacher training and support**
- **Action Projects**

KEY COMPETENCIES

Concern’s Active Citizenship programme supports the following key competencies:

Collaboration: the abilities to learn from others; to understand and respect the needs, perspectives and actions of others (empathy); to understand, relate to and be sensitive to others (empathetic leadership); to deal with conflicts in a group; and to facilitate collaborative and participatory problem solving.

Critical thinking: the ability to question norms, practices and opinions; to reflect on one’s own values, perceptions and actions; and to take a position in the sustainability discourse.

Self-awareness: the ability to reflect on one’s own role in the local community and (global) society; to continually evaluate and further motivate one’s actions; and to deal with one’s feelings and desires.

Integrated problem-solving: the overarching ability to apply different problem-solving frameworks to complex sustainability problems and develop viable, inclusive and equitable solutions that promote sustainable development, integrating the other competencies.

Concern’s Active Citizenship team are on hand to support teachers, students and school communities. We are available to facilitate talks and workshops and support your efforts to build a better world for everyone.



Contact: schools@concern.net to enquire about any of the activities included in this booklet.

CONCERN PRIMARY DEBATES ONLINE

The Concern Debates is Concern Worldwide's flagship schools activity



PRIMARY DEBATES

Introduce your students to some of the most important issues facing the world today. Help them acquire the skills needed to formulate an argument, deliver a speech, stand up for their point of view and challenge an opponent's opinion. Help build confident, engaged citizens who can change the country, and the world, for the better.

The Concern Primary Debates will be going online for 2021-22. Find out more here www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/debates/primary-school



Let's debate it!

Benefits of Debating

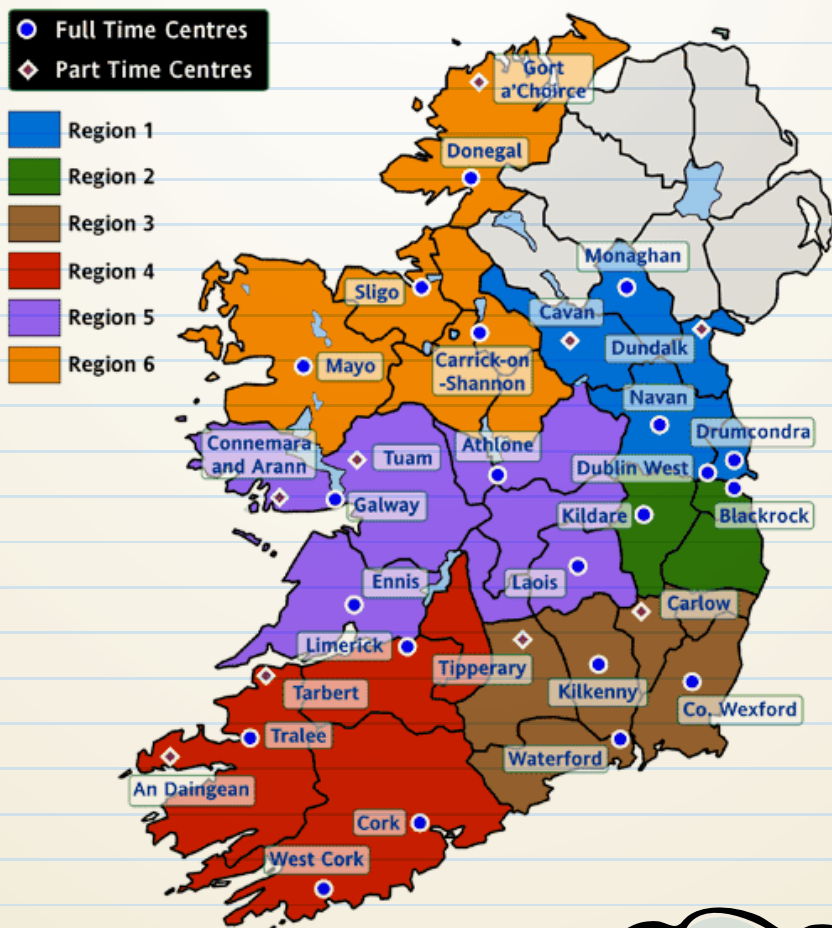
- Critical Thinking
- Active Listening
- Research and analysis
- Forming an argument
- Persuasion
- Public Speaking

What's involved?

- Schools can enter a team of six students
- Three students can debate at any time, with the other three acting as subs / researchers
- Teams will have the chance to debate on motions of global development issues
- Each debate is adjudicated independently by volunteers sourced by Education Centres or Concern Worldwide
- All students involved will receive certificates

How do I sign up?

- Contact your local Education Centre (see map)
- Your Education Centre looks after organising each debate and pitting each school against the other
- You will receive your primary debate pack and an invitation to attend a online training session from Concern Worldwide. We recommend following @ConcernDebates on twitter for updates
- Concern Debates usually kick off in October but check with your local centre for the date in your area



Concern Primary Debates

2021-2022



**PRIMARY
DEBATES**

Registrations for the Concern Primary Debates are taken through your local participating Education Support Centre.



**WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 18th*:
Concern Primary Debates County Level****

Information	Debates	Venue	Motions
Concern primary Debates Competition commences at Education Centre level. Education Centre to organise debates	Education Centres should commence the debates this week. Training sessions will be taking place for participating teachers in October. Contact local Education Centre for these training dates	Each participating Education Centre will inform schools of location and format of debate	Education Centres will provide motions for each round

* Starting dates can vary by region

* All regional finals for primary debates to be completed by Friday February 11th 2022



**WEEK STARTING MARCH 28th 2022:
Concern Primary Debates National Knockout Round**

Information	Debates	Venue	Motion
Successful regional teams will progress to debate in the knockout stages of the national competition	16 schools will take part in 8 debates this week	Education Centres will organise online links for debates and inform schools	Education Centres will provide motions to the successful teams



Wednesday May 4th and Thursday May 5th 2022

Concern Primary Debates Quarter Finals

Information	Debates	Venue	Motion
The final 8 teams will compete in the quarter finals	Four debates will take place over two days	Concern will organise online links for debates and inform schools	Concern Worldwide will advise of motions to successful teams



Wednesday May 18th and Thursday May 19th 2022

Concern Primary Debates Semi-Finals

Information	Debates	Venue	Motion
The final 4 teams will compete in the semi finals	One debate each day - SF 1 on May 18th and SF 2 on May 19th	Concern will organise online links for debates and inform schools	Concern Worldwide will advise of motions to successful teams



Thursday June 9th 2022

Concern Primary Debates National Final

Information	Debates	Venue	Motion
The final two teams will compete for the National title	One final debate	Concern will organise online links for the debate and inform schools	Concern Worldwide will advise of motions to successful teams

ONLINE SCHOOL TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

Our talks are recommended for 4th class upwards.



Concern offer a variety of online workshops and talks to suit your class needs. Our dedicated Schools and Youth Officer is available to organise an online interactive session for your class. Concern can provide an online platform or use your school's preferred platform.

Each workshop is interactive and features fun games and activities to help your students engage with development topics such as:

- Poverty
- Gender Equality
- Climate Change
- Water
- Hunger
- Food Waste
- Sustainable Development Goals



Please email schools@concern.net to book your online talk or workshop today

Hunger Heroes online

More than 820 million people are hungry in the world today and yet we waste 1 million tonnes of food each year in Ireland! Who can help us? **HUNGER HEROES!**



Concern's Hunger Hero programme is a fun way for students to learn about the devastating impacts of Hunger globally and also how food waste in Ireland can contribute to climate change and thus food shortages. Our Hunger Hero pack provides teachers with fun lesson plans to explore these themes and simple actions to make a difference.

Our School Officers are on hand to get you started on our Hunger Hero programme. We ask that classes complete a series of small tasks in order to complete the programme and become Hunger Heroes!



WHY IS FOOD WASTE IN IRELAND A PROBLEM?

- **1 million tonnes** of food wasted in IRELAND each year.
- The majority of this food is **not composted properly** and is thrown into black bins headed to landfills.
- Food rotting in these landfills create **methane** which is damaging our planet and a **leading cause of climate change**.



Hunger Heroes

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Contact **schools@concern.net** to receive your pack full of lesson plans and games and book an online workshop for your school.

HOW DO MY STUDENTS BECOME HUNGER HEROES?

- Complete two small tasks as laid out in your Hunger Hero pack
- Get in touch with our School Team to let us know how you got on
- Our team will send certificates to your school for all students involved

For more information: www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/primary-education-programmes



SOMEONE LIKE ME:

BOOK AND RESOURCE PACK

This beautifully illustrated award winning book explores the lives of children living in countries in the Global South, with the aim of introducing children in Ireland to concepts of development in a way they can understand. With colourful illustration and easy-to-read stories, the book takes young readers on an exciting journey to countries like Somalia, Bangladesh and Lebanon, where they learn about children just like them – their struggles, bravery and dreams for the future.

The resource contains the Someone Like Me Book along with a question and activity pack for each chapter with ideas for teachers on potential projects. We have also developed free downloadable presentations narrated by a member of our team to play in the classroom.

To order your copy and teacher's pack contact resources@concern.net



To download your copy of **Someone like me**, teacher pack and presentations, Please Visit:
www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/educational-resources



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AND DOWNLOADABLE PRESENTATIONS



Concern's Active Citizenship team is delighted to present our online classroom hub

www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/educational-resources

Here you will find educational resources on the work of Concern, development issues and the impact of the SDGs.

We also have downloadable presentations with audio available

If you require hard copies of our resources or are having issues downloading, please contact us on schools@concern.net

All resources are free of charge thanks to support and funding from the Irish Aid Global Citizenship Education unit.

SPEAK, ACT, DO



Concern's programme to support you to become an active citizen!

STEP 1: Choose a topic

 Hunger	 Gender Equality	 Poverty	 Climate Change	 Conflict
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STEP 2: Research

How does it impact people in Ireland?
How does it impact people globally?
What is the link to Concern's work overseas?
What can you do?

STEP 3: Take Action

Choose two actions from the action menu –
A Concern action and a local action

Take action!
Tell us about what you have been doing and present at
Agents of Change!

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ACTION PROJECT PLANNER



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EVERYDAY ACTIVISM

Such is the place where real change begins...

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

RESOURCE FOR TEACHERS AND FACILITATORS

ACTIVITY THREE: Concern and the Sustainable Development Goals

12 minutes

- Read the four examples of children's work on page four and five for all students, and have the children use what they have learned to create their own.
- Work with children to create their own SDG posters.
- Think and discuss the different SDGs and how they relate to the world and the future.
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- They will create an SDG poster to take home and show to their family.

SDG's in numbers

- At least 2.5 billion children under the age of 15 in 2017. There have been 100 million more children in the world since 1990.
- In 2016, 1 billion children under the age of 15 were born.
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ZERO HUNGER

RESOURCE FOR TEACHERS AND FACILITATORS

Concern and Hunger

Concern Worldwide is a leading global organization working to end hunger and poverty. We are committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030.

Malawi, Climate Change and Hunger

Climate change is a major threat to food security and livelihoods in Malawi. Rising temperatures and changing rainfall patterns are affecting crop yields and water availability. Concern is working with the Malawian government and local communities to build resilience and improve food security.

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CHAD COUNTRY PROFILE

FAST FACTS

- Capital:** N'Djamena
- Population:** 16.5 million
- Official language:** French and Arabic
- Religion:** 55% Muslim, 45% Christian
- Major cities:** N'Djamena, Moundou, Sarh
- Climate:** Tropical, semi-arid
- Major crops:** Cotton, sorghum, millet
- Major industries:** Cotton, oil, food processing
- Major challenges:** Poverty, unemployment, conflict

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NIGER FACT FILE

FAST FACTS

- Capital:** Niamey
- Population:** 20.5 million
- Official language:** French
- Religion:** 90% Muslim, 10% Christian
- Major cities:** Niamey, Zinder, Maroua
- Climate:** Semi-arid, hot
- Major crops:** Sorghum, millet, cotton
- Major industries:** Cotton, oil, food processing
- Major challenges:** Poverty, unemployment, conflict

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ADAMOU'S STORY

Adamou is a young boy from Niger who has been affected by the conflict in his country. He has lost his home and his family. He is now living in a refugee camp. Adamou's story is a powerful example of the impact of conflict on children.

Adapting to Climate Change

Climate change is a major threat to food security and livelihoods in Niger. Rising temperatures and changing rainfall patterns are affecting crop yields and water availability. Concern is working with the Nigerien government and local communities to build resilience and improve food security.

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SOMALIA FACT SHEET

FAST FACTS

- Capital:** Mogadishu
- Population:** 15.5 million
- Official language:** Somali and Arabic
- Religion:** 90% Muslim, 10% Christian
- Major cities:** Mogadishu, Hargeisa, Baidoa
- Climate:** Arid, semi-arid
- Major crops:** Sorghum, millet, cotton
- Major industries:** Cotton, oil, food processing
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BURUNDI FACT FILE

FAST FACTS

- Capital:** Bujumbura
- Population:** 11.5 million
- Official language:** French and Kirundi
- Religion:** 70% Christian, 30% Muslim
- Major cities:** Bujumbura, Gitega, Ngozi
- Climate:** Tropical, semi-arid
- Major crops:** Coffee, tea, cotton
- Major industries:** Coffee, tea, cotton
- Major challenges:** Poverty, unemployment, conflict

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INES'S STORY

Ines is a young girl from Burundi who has been affected by the conflict in her country. She has lost her home and her family. She is now living in a refugee camp. Ines's story is a powerful example of the impact of conflict on children.

WHAT IS CASSAVA?

Cassava is a root vegetable that is a staple food in many parts of the world. It is a resilient crop that can grow in difficult conditions. Concern is working with local communities to improve cassava production and distribution.

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<https://www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/educational-resources>



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