

# SPEAK, ACT, DO

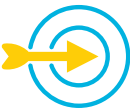
# WHAT DOES IT OFFER?



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 students' 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
4. Create a community of young people and schools seeking to make change



## How does the programme work?

- October-December: Attend a series of Zooms provided by Concern Active to further inform you about the five areas of focus (hunger, poverty, conflict, gender equality and climate change) and help you select an issue to work on. These Zooms will explore Concern's Programmes to tackle these issues and will feature overseas staff and the work that they do in countries affected by the issues. We will also offer individual workshops to schools for World Food Day.
- October-December: 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**
- March: Meet the Expert Event Concern will hold an online gathering for all Speak Act Do participants and their teachers at which they get to meet experts who will give them tips to fine-tune their project and meet other like-minded young people making change.



## What do I need to do?

1. Sign up to the programme here <https://forms.office.com/r/a9GySUAeFD> and register your class for Zooms on climate change, gender equality, conflict, hunger and poverty. There is no limit to the amount of Zooms you can attend
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
- The chance to be informed by people working on the ground in the Global South on global issues via 4 x engaging Zooms, an event for young people focussing on world hunger and workshops to mark World Food Day
- 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
- The chance to meet experts and get tips from them to improve projects and have greater impact
- Each student who participates will receive a certificate, and the school will receive a schools certificate. The top projects will be invited to share their projects with their peers and changemakers from around the country at our end of year event – Agents of Change.



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

- You will have access to 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
- You will be invited to attend 5 x optional webinars to deepen students' understanding of the issues of focus
- You will receive a lesson on Research and Fake News to be delivered to your class in October
- You will have the option of attending a "How to Run an Action Project" webinar. The Schools Officer will check in on your progress and whether you need additional supports throughout the process of the programme
- You and your students will be invited to attend a Meet the Experts online event in March when experts in each field of focus will give tips on how to improve the project
- You and your students may be in with a chance of being one of the top schools asked to showcase their project at Concern Active's end of year event, Agents of Change



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