

Post Primary Schools Programme

2022-2023



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Irish Aid

An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha
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Welcome to Concern's Active Citizenship Programme 2022-2023



Welcome to Concern Worldwide's School and Youth Programme. Our Active Citizenship Team are on hand to support teachers and students in exploring global issues and the work of Concern Worldwide. Ultimately we want to help school communities to act individually and collectively to help build a fairer and more equal world for all.

Themes Covered

- Poverty
- Hunger
- Gender Equality
- Climate Change
- Conflict
- Aid
- Sustainable Development Goals

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CONTACT:

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



Schools Kick Off Event

We are getting the year off to an exciting start with our brand new student kick off event! This will give students the opportunity to learn more about Concern, meet students from other schools who are interested in Global Issues and take part in activities to think about how they can take action on social justice issues over this academic year.

This will take place at Temple Bar Gallery and Studios on 30th September, 10am to 3pm. Schools can send up to seven students. To sign up, email Lauren at schools@concern.net.

In addition to this, teachers can nominate three students who attended the kick-off event to represent their school at a follow up workshop for World Food Day (13th October). Students will work with Bloom the Art Project to develop a mural focusing on hunger. Places for this are limited due to space.



World Day Workshops

Concern invites students to come together to celebrate key World Days! Students will learn about the significance of the day, hear directly from Concern field staff and be encouraged to take action within their school community! If you would like to join us in taking part in any of the following days send an email to **schools@concern.net**



Workshops will be FREE of CHARGE and open to SIX STUDENTS per school. Workshops will run from 10.00-3.00 and will be fully supervised by Concern members of staff.

- World Food Day, Thursday October 13th with Bloom the Art Project Location: TBA
- International Day of Education Tuesday January 24th, with Fighting Words. Location: Concern Office Dublin 2
- International Women's Day. Wednesday March 8th. Location Carmelite Centre Aungier St Dublin



To book places for your students, please contact **schools@concern.net**

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Concern offer a limited number of individual school workshops, both in person and online. If you would like a Concern speaker to visit your school to conduct a workshop on Concern's work on any of the above topics, please contact Lauren Wright at lauren.wright@concern.net or on **(01) 417 7748**

Themes covered in Talks/ Workshops

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Concern Debates

The Concern Debates programme aims to introduce students to some of the most important issues facing the world today. Through the methodology of debating, students will acquire the skills needed to formulate an argument, deliver a speech, stand up for their point of view and challenge an opponent's opinion. By taking part in the Concern Debates programme, Concern hopes to build confident, engaged citizens who can change the country, and the world, for the better.

How do I sign up?

The Concern Debates Programme is open to senior cycle students. Schools can sign up here <https://www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/debates/get-your-school-involved> or contact debates@concern.net for more information

Please note the deadline for registering is Monday September 19th 2022.



What is involved in the Concern Debates Programme?

Schools will debate on three different motions relating to themes of global development issues. The initial stages of the programme will be online. Schools who progress to the later stages of programme will have the chance to debate in person.

Schools can enter multiple students, but only four may be on a team per debate.

When does the programme commence?

The Concern Debates programme kicks off on October 17th 2022.

Is training provided?

Yes the Concern Debates team provides training for both students and teachers. Contact debates@concern.net for more information

TY ACADEMY

2022 - 2023

(work experience in Concern office)



TY Academy is a week-long work experience programme for young people who are interested in global issues and careers in development.

Participants learn about various teams in Concern from a wide range of staff - both overseas and in Ireland - and what their work entails. Staff on the ground in Ireland and overseas call in and meet with students to detail the work they do to combat Climate Change, Gender Inequality, Conflict, Poverty, Hunger and how Concern responds to emergencies.

Participants also engage in project work over the week linked to the work of Concern, which they present to judges for feedback on the last day.

We will be running TY Academy in person in our Dublin office on the following weeks:

- 14th November – 18th November 2022
- 30th January – 3rd February 2023
- 27th February – 3rd March 2023
- 24th April – 28th April 2023

We are also hoping to offer two mini online academies which will take place over two days via Zoom*:

- 7th – 8th November 2023
- 16th – 17th January 2023

**These are subject to demand. If we have a high demand we may offer more or less two day sessions*

TY Academy applications
for academic year
2022/2023 are now open!
Contact schools@concern.net to
find out more.



SPEAK, ACT, DO



Concern's aim is to end extreme poverty, whatever it takes, and we want young people in Ireland to be a part of this!

It works 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.



AIM: Speak Act Do is a six to eight week programme designed to support teachers and students to plan and run their own project to take action on some of the defining global issues of our time. Students can take meaningful action on a social justice issue and become active global citizens.



WHO:

It is suitable for junior cycle, TY groups and senior cycle students.



HOW: Through a series of guided steps, students will go from researching their chosen topic (Poverty, Gender Inequality, Conflict, Climate Change or Hunger) to planning two ways to take meaningful action to make a change or raise awareness:

- One to engage with local community on the issue
- One to show solidarity with the global community who are denied rights and opportunities because of this issue



SUPPORT: All schools who take part will be offered an in school workshop, a dedicated resource pack as well as the opportunity to take part in events throughout the year. We are also always here to offer support by email or phone!



SHOWCASE AND PRIZES: All schools who take part will be invited to our end of year event Agents of Change on May 10th 2023 at Smock Alley Theatre. Students can showcase their projects and there are prizes for best and most creative project. The top five schools will also have the opportunity to record a podcast about their project!



TO TAKE PART:

Contact schools@concern.net or call us 01 417 7748



AGENTS OF CHANGE

What is the Agents of Change event?

Agents of Change is Concern's annual celebration of young people who have completed an action project in their school or community with a development education theme. Each student who registers will have a chance to present their project to other like minded young people and Concern staff. All students will receive a certificate from Concern.

Agents of Change this year will take place on May 10th 2023 in Smock Alley theatre Dublin.

To take part contact **schools@concern.net**.

Teacher Resources and School Fundraising



Teacher Resources

We have a wide range of learning tools for teachers to use in the classroom. Our resources can be found on our website here **<https://www.concern.net/schools-and-youth/educational-resources>**. We have a limited amount of hard copies that are available from **resources@concern.net** also. All resources are FREE of charge

1. Sustainable Development Goals

The **Sustainable Development Goals** are 17 goals set by the United Nations to work towards a more equal world for everyone. This resource collection contains a booklet for each goal along with easily adaptable activities and information to bring the issues alive for your students.



We also have four of PowerPoints focusing on Climate Action, Gender Equality, Hunger and Poverty which can be downloaded and edited to use with your class along-side the booklets.

