



POST PRIMARY SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

2023-2024

Talks • Workshops • Concern Debates
TY Academy (Work Experience)
Speak Act Do • Student Events
Teacher Resources and
Lesson Plans



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Concern Worldwide's Global Citizenship Education Programme 2023-2024



The Global Citizenship Education Team is on hand to support teachers and students in exploring global issues such as climate change, poverty and conflict. Our aim is to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills of young people to become active global citizens.

Areas that we explore are:

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

Programmes and Support for Teachers and Students

- World Day Workshops
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CONTACT:

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



World Day Workshops

Concern invites students to come together to learn about and mark UN 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!

Teachers can sign up to six students who may attend unaccompanied or with a teacher.



TO SIGN UP EMAIL
schools@concern.net

World Food Day - Tuesday 17th October
(Location TBD)

International Day of Education -
Wednesday 24th January (Location TBD)

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

Concern offer a limited number of school workshops, both in person and online.

If you would like to arrange a Global Citizenship Education workshop for your students please contact schools@concern.net

- Poverty
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- Gender Equality
- Climate Change
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- Sustainable Development Goals



CONCERN DEBATES



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The Concern Debates programme provides students with the opportunity to critically explore some of the most important issues facing the world today. Debating offers a fantastic opportunity for young people to develop key skills: communicating, critical and creative thinking, personal effectiveness, information processing and working as part of a team.

These skills are vital for their education, life after school and to develop their identity as an active global citizen. Through their participation in the Concern Debates programme, Concern hopes that students will become confident, engaged citizens who can change 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> or contact debates@concern.net for more information.

**Please note the deadline for registering is
8th September 2023 at 5pm.**

What is involved in the Concern Debates

Programme? Between October and December teams will debate three different motions relating to themes around human rights, international development, inequality and sustainable development. In January and February the top 64 schools will progress to knock out rounds, with the quarter finals in March, semi-finals in April and final on May 2nd 2024. The initial stages of the programme are online. Schools who progress to the later stages of programme will 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 3rd October 2023.



DEBATES TRAINING AND STUDENT WORKSHOPS 2023/2023

This year we are offering in person debates workshop days for teams who are participating in the programme. To register email debates@concern.net with the location and date of choice:

- 19th September - Dublin
- 21st September - Limerick
- 25th September - Dublin
- 26th September - Athlone
- 5th October - Cork

In response to feedback from schools we are also holding Global Citizenship Education workshop days at the end of the league phase, as well as a Design Thinking Sprint at the end of the programme to celebrate all the hard work done by all teams. The purpose is that students can meet their peers, explore global issues further and hone in their skills developed through the programme.

- 5th March (Athlone/West)
- 7th March (Dublin)
- 20th March (Limerick)
- 21st March (Cork)
- 30th April – Debates Design Thinking Sprint



TY ACADEMY

2023-2024

TY Academy is a week-long work experience programme for young people who are interested in learning about the context of the communities that we work with overseas, as well as how Concern works as an organisation. It is work experience and a Global Citizenship Education programme.

Students will explore root causes of problems such as conflict, climate change and poverty, as well as learning more about how they impact peoples lives. Over the week, students will hear from Concern staff about how we work with communities to both respond to these challenges, develop long term solutions, as well as how Concern advocate for long term sustainable change through working with governments and institutions such as the UN.

Students will work on a project using the knowledge they have gained and present this to staff at the end of the week.

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

- 6th November - 12th November 2023
- 29th January - 2nd February 2024
- 26th February - 1st March 2024
- 22nd April - 26th April 2024

TY Academy applications for academic year 2023/2024 are now open! Contact schools@concern.net to find out more.



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION RESOURCES



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:

<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.

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 alongside the booklets.



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. Speak Act Do is designed to be flexible, led by the school and supported by the Concern schools team.



AIM:

A six to eight week programme and resource pack 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 action to engage with local community on the issue
- A second action 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!



TO TAKE PART:

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