



SPEAK ACT DO: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

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



AIM: Speak Act Do supports young people to develop their knowledge and take action on some of the defining global issues of our time. It is a way to take meaningful action and become an active citizen!



TIME: The programme is designed to be flexible, led by the school and supported by us in Concern. This programme can be ran as a stand along project or embedded into CSPE, TY GCE Modules or Politics and Society. It is a six to eight week programme which can be ran at a time of your choosing over the school year. It can also be expanded into a year-long programme too.

Whatever the context you are looking for, we can work with you to personalise the programme.



WHO: The programme is suitable for all secondary students. You can sign up a few students, a whole class or a whole year group.



HOW: The programme has a series of steps which takes students 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:

1. A local action to engage the community/ school and help them to understand how this issue relates to them
2. A Concern action to show solidarity with communities that Concern work with worldwide who are facing challenges due to this issue

What's an action?

An action is something to get people thinking about an issue, to change people's attitudes or to make a difference. From peer workshops, fundraising, creating art work to writing to your TD. No action is too big or too small!



WHY: Students will practice and develop skills in using different sources to become effective researchers, as well as learning how to communicate this information to others to bring about their aim.

They will also work as part of a team and have an experience of running a project from beginning to end!

Finally, Speak Act Do at its core is about engaging students with global issues, and to take meaningful action on some of the defining issues of our time.



SUBMISSION AND RECOGNITION: The final stage of Speak Act Do is to evaluate the project. There is an evaluation form to complete and send back to us at the end to tell us about your project.

Throughout your project, we encourage the class/group to keep a video diary of their Speak Act Do experience (this could be like an Instagram story). This can be included as part of the final submission.

All schools who complete Speak Act Do and send in their evaluations will receive certificates for all students who took part, as well as one to acknowledge the school in supporting its young people to become agents of change. There is also a chance to win a prize for best project and most creative project, which will be awarded at our showcasing event!



SHOWCASE AND PRIZES: Schools who have taken part in the programme will be invited to our end of year showcase event, *Agents of Change*.

There are prizes to be won for best project and most creative project.

The top five schools will also be invited to record a podcast about their project!



SUPPORT FROM CONCERN: All schools who take part will be offered a **workshop** in school, a dedicated **resource pack** as well as access to a Trello board with lots of links and ideas for your project!

The resource pack contains a poster, ideas for taking action, worksheets to support project planning and a sample six week plan for running Speak Act Do in your school.

There is also the opportunity for students to take part in events throughout the year. Places are limited for these so signing up early is recommended.

Finally, we are always here to support all teachers who are running Speak Act Do! Give us a ring or send us an email anytime.