



CONCERN PRIMARY DEBATES

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, global citizen!



TIME:

The programme is designed to be flexible, led by the school and an additional element to your Concern Primary Debates journey. It can be done alongside your debates participation or after.

It is a four to six week programme which can be run at a time of your choosing over the school year. It can also be expanded into a year-long programme.



WHO:

The programme is suitable for all senior primary 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 global action to show solidarity with communities experiencing issues first-hand, such as those Concern works with around the world



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. This could include running a peer workshop, creating artwork, or hosting a coffee morning to raise awareness, or a more direct action such as fundraising or writing to your TD. No action is too big or too small!



WHY:

Your students will have the opportunity to further develop the skills they have gained through the Concern Primary Debates. Whether this is to become even more effective researchers, to learn how to communicate their ideas, or working together as team to run a project from beginning to end, there are lots of skills to grow!

They will also get to see how their debating experience is beneficial inside and outside of the classroom.

In short, Speak Act Do is about engaging students with global issues, and taking meaningful action on some of the defining issues of our time.



EVALUATION:

The final stage of Speak Act Do is to evaluate the project. There is a self-reflection form to complete and a downloadable certificate which you can print in-house to showcase your school's 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 shared on social media with our team at Concern by tagging **@concernactive** and **@concernworldwide**.



SUPPORT FROM CONCERN:

All schools who take part will be offered a downloadable resource pack as well as access to a Trello board with lots of links and ideas for your project!

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

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 **@primarydebates@concern.net**