



Poverty Explored

A four-week course for Transition Year students to gain an understanding of the causes and impacts of poverty, and discover how they can help to end it.

In this lesson plan pack, you'll find all you need to teach students about the global issues that underpin poverty, and some of the changes required to shift the balance of power in favour of the poorest.

Over the course of four lessons, students will cover the concepts of human dignity, rights and responsibilities, stewardship, interdependence and development. Through role-play, case studies and discussions, students will gain understanding of how climate change and tax affect people living in poorer communities, and the action that needs to be taken to help end poverty.

About Christian Aid

Christian Aid is a Christian organisation that wants to see an end to poverty and injustice.

We work in 46 countries with people of all faiths and none to tackle the effects of poverty and its causes, and bring dignity, equality and freedom for all.

We believe poverty is a lack of power. People are not accidentally poor, rather they are made poor by the way others use their power.

We aim to tackle poverty by:

- exposing the scandal of poverty
- taking practical action to rid the world of poverty
- challenging and changing systems that make and keep people poor.

Find out more about our work, and resources to support you in the classroom, at christianaid.ie

Breakdown of course

A single class is required each week for a four-week period.

Total class contact time: 3 hours, 20 minutes.

Lesson 1: The roots of poverty: finding the problem.

Lesson 2: A taxing issue: a look into the murky world of tax.

Lesson 3: Climate countdown: the need to take action for our climate.

Lesson 4: Partnership for change: working together to end poverty.

Evaluation

A questionnaire will be provided for the students at the beginning and end of the course to track the skills they have attained, and changes in their understanding. The end-of-course questionnaire will also give them the opportunity to highlight what was enjoyable, what was most challenging and how they would adapt the course if they think it needs changing.

More information

You can find out more about the issues raised in this course from

christianaid.ie/resources

debtireland.org

www.stopclimatechaos.ie

The suggested film clips can be viewed and downloaded from the Vimeo links provided in the copy and from christianaid.ie/schools