

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION PLANNER



Information for Teachers

After learning about a social justice issue, we encourage students to take action. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness, act in solidarity, act charitably and also create lasting change.

We recommend to print the following pages as A3 to help students record their plan.

Stay Informed: caritas.org.au/news/latest-news/

Caritas Australia's advocacy campaigns: caritas.org.au/act

Fundraising ideas: caritas.org.au/donate/fundraise/

RAISE AWARENESS

Help others understand the issues that people experiencing extreme poverty are faced with. Inform your community about how donations can help communities gain access to clean water, food security, basic healthcare and safety.

Suggested actions: Show one of Caritas Australia's films, display printed materials around your community, school or parish and include notices in your local bulletin or newsletter. Share information on social media. Learn more at caritas.org.au

ACT IN SOLIDARITY

Actions like walking a long way – in solidarity with those who walk a long way to collect water, or those fleeing conflict zones to safety, promote empathy and understanding. When you walk in the shoes of the world's most vulnerable, you start to understand, with compassion, the injustices these communities face.

Suggested action: "Walk a kilometre in their shoes" by trying some of the solidarity actions such as the Water Challenge or Caritas K's.

ACT CHARITABLY

Donate money: this helps meet immediate needs and is vital. But charity alone cannot end the cycle of poverty. Taking other steps can amplify the positive impact in the most vulnerable communities.

Suggested action: Raise money for Caritas Australia. Funds collected go to long-term integral human development programs and emergency relief programs.

CREATE LASTING CHANGE

Take social justice actions to create lasting change and address underlying issues.

These actions could focus on participation, care for creation, peace, sustainability, inclusion and justice. As well as taking action, take some time to reflect on what you're doing.

Suggested action: Take action for social justice by supporting climate justice. Many of our partners are experiencing the harsh impacts of climate change.

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Planning group members:

1. Think

What is the focus of your campaign?
Why is this issue important?

2. Learn

What facts and figures do you need?
Make it real with an example of a Caritas Australia community development program.

Where can you get this information?
e.g. www.caritas.org.au

4. Contacts and permissions

1. Make an appointment to see your Principal to talk about what you have learnt and how you would like to engage the rest of the school community.

2. Who else do you need to speak to? E.g Principal, teachers, parish priest, participants, others.

3. Have a chat with your school media person as they might have some good contacts with local newspapers. Get your justice agenda out into your wider community! Share the good news!

3. Tools

Think about using social media, posters, stalls, newsletter items, slides from the Caritas website, music, an event or assembly presentation.

5. Set a date

When will your main event take place?

When will you start preparations?

When do you need to start promotion?

Justice begins with me!









What personal action will each member of your group take? How will you lead by example?

Reflect on faith and action:

What Catholic Social Teaching principles guide you to take action for people who experience poverty?

ACTION PLAN



 WHAT WILL BE YOUR:	 WHAT TASKS NEED TO BE DONE?	 WHY IS THIS A GOOD IDEA?	 WHO WILL DO IT?	 WHAT DATE IS IT DUE?
FUNDRAISING ACTION 				
AWARENESS RAISING ACTION 				
SOLIDARITY ACTION 				
JUSTICE ACTION 