

# SEND My FRIEND TO SCHOOL

**TEACHER'S  
PACK 2017**

**SECONDARY  
SCHOOL**



Education is powerful and transformative. For individual children and their families, but also for whole communities, countries and the world. Imagine the power of a world in which every child is in school – learning and aspiring.

World leaders have promised a quality education to every child in the world. But a key piece of the puzzle is not in place - the money to pay for this education. This means the global picture shows 263 million children missing out on school, and many of those in school are not learning.

2017 is the year to change this education funding crisis:

- Add your piece - bring the Send My Friend to School campaign to your classroom.
- Meet your MP and call for the UK government to increase their investment in education around the world.

In this Teacher's Pack is everything you need to get your students involved.



# EDUCATION IS POWERFUL

**The benefits of education far outweigh the costs - education can provide stability to children who are displaced, open up paths out of poverty, reduce the likelihood of war and conflict, and contribute to a healthy planet. It is vital for long-term growth and critical for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. There is a clear and overwhelming case for investing in education.**

What works best to improve learning is better understood now than ever before, and world leaders have made a clear promise to ensure every child in the world gets a quality education by 2030.

Yet the world is experiencing an education crisis. By current projections we won't achieve this promise to the world's children until 2084 - over 50 years late. The missing piece of the education puzzle is the money to turn the promise into reality.

In 2017 world leaders will be pledging money to the Global Partnership for Education, the world's joint fund for education. It is essential that this year we call on the UK government to play their part and increase their investment in education.

Join the Send My Friend to School campaign and turn the tide of the education crisis. This Teacher's Pack will equip you with everything you need to get your class and your school involved. Together we can make a difference.



## CHECKLIST OF WHAT YOU CAN DO:

### LEARN

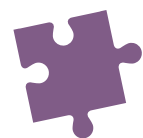
- campaign film
- real life stories

### THINK

- classroom activity

### ACT

- engaging your MP
- getting the word out



LEARN

# WATCH THE CAMPAIGN FILM



A great way to introduce the campaign to your class is by showing them this short film which discusses the power of a quality education. It shows why world leaders need to invest in ensuring that every child gets a quality education and how UK schools can play their part.

Here are links to versions on:



Check out this fantastic interactive 360 video in which your class can put themselves in the shoes of a class in Malawi.

(Available from March 2017)



# LANA'S STORY

Lana is 12-years-old and from Aleppo in Syria. Along with her parents, two brothers and five sisters, Lana is now living in Jordan as a refugee.



“ I really wish I could go back to school. I love school. Since getting to Jordan I have never been to school. I would love to be able to go back and return to my classroom, to study, to see my friends. I want to go back to school so that I can achieve my dreams - I want to be an english teacher.’

Lana was in Year 4 when the conflict forced her family to flee their home, as it wasn't safe for them to stay there anymore. They undertook a long, cold and dangerous journey to get to Jordan - living and sleeping outdoors with no coats, no warm clothing, no blankets and no shelter.

When Lana's family finally arrived in Jordan, they hoped that she would be able to continue her education, and

start in Year 5 in a Jordanian school. However, her mother searched for a school for her and her sisters far and wide, but was told that the local schools were full and there was no room for them.

Lana's story was shared by Save The Children which has been working to support Syria's child refugees.

Mbathio is from Dakar in Senegal and is in her fourth year of school.

# MBATHIO'S STORY



“ The other children are very kind to us, I like going to school with them. I like going to school and I like learning. When I am older I would like to work in an office, perhaps become a minister

Mbathio is blind and as a result for many years she was unable to attend school as her parents thought it was not possible. Most children who have a disability, including blindness, don't attend mainstream schools in Senegal. This often means that they are unable to get a job when they are older. However, Mbathio's school is part of an inclusive education project, which means that they now welcome blind children and know how to teach them alongside the other students.

Mbathio uses a Braille board and box of pins to do her lessons. Going to school has transformed Mbathio's life. Before she was able to attend the school she would spend her time at home, but now she is more self-sufficient, ambitious and has career aspirations.

Mbathio's story was shared by Sightsavers which has been running the Inclusive Education project in Mbathio's school in partnership with the Senegalese government.

[Click here for more real life stories.](#)

# CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

Thousands of schools across the country will be taking part in the Send My Friend to School campaign in 2017 to call on the UK government to increase their investment in the power of education.

Together, young people will be creating eye-catching paper jigsaw pieces to get their MP's attention. These jigsaw pieces will symbolise that there is a missing piece in the global education puzzle – the money to pay for good quality schooling.

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

PHOTOCOPIES OF  
HANDOUT 1 AND  
HANDOUT 2 FOR EACH  
STUDENT ✓

SCISSORS ✓

GLUE STICKS ✓

COLOURING  
PENCILS/PENS ✓

## STEP 1

Each student will need to cut out their school template from Handout 1

## STEP 2

On their school background there is space to add jigsaw pieces, and Handout 2 has several pieces to choose from. The pieces depict different elements of a quality education. In order to explore the idea of limited resources, students can only pick five pieces. Encourage them to discuss and choose which pieces are most important. **Here are some activities to get them thinking about this.** They will be forced to make some difficult choices showing that more money is needed so that all the elements of a quality education are available for all children.

## STEP 3

Now each student has a school background cut out with the five jigsaw pieces that they think are most important stuck on. Under each jigsaw piece they can write an explanation for why they chose that piece. And on the roof of the school they can add a message to their MP about why they think the UK should invest in quality education for all.

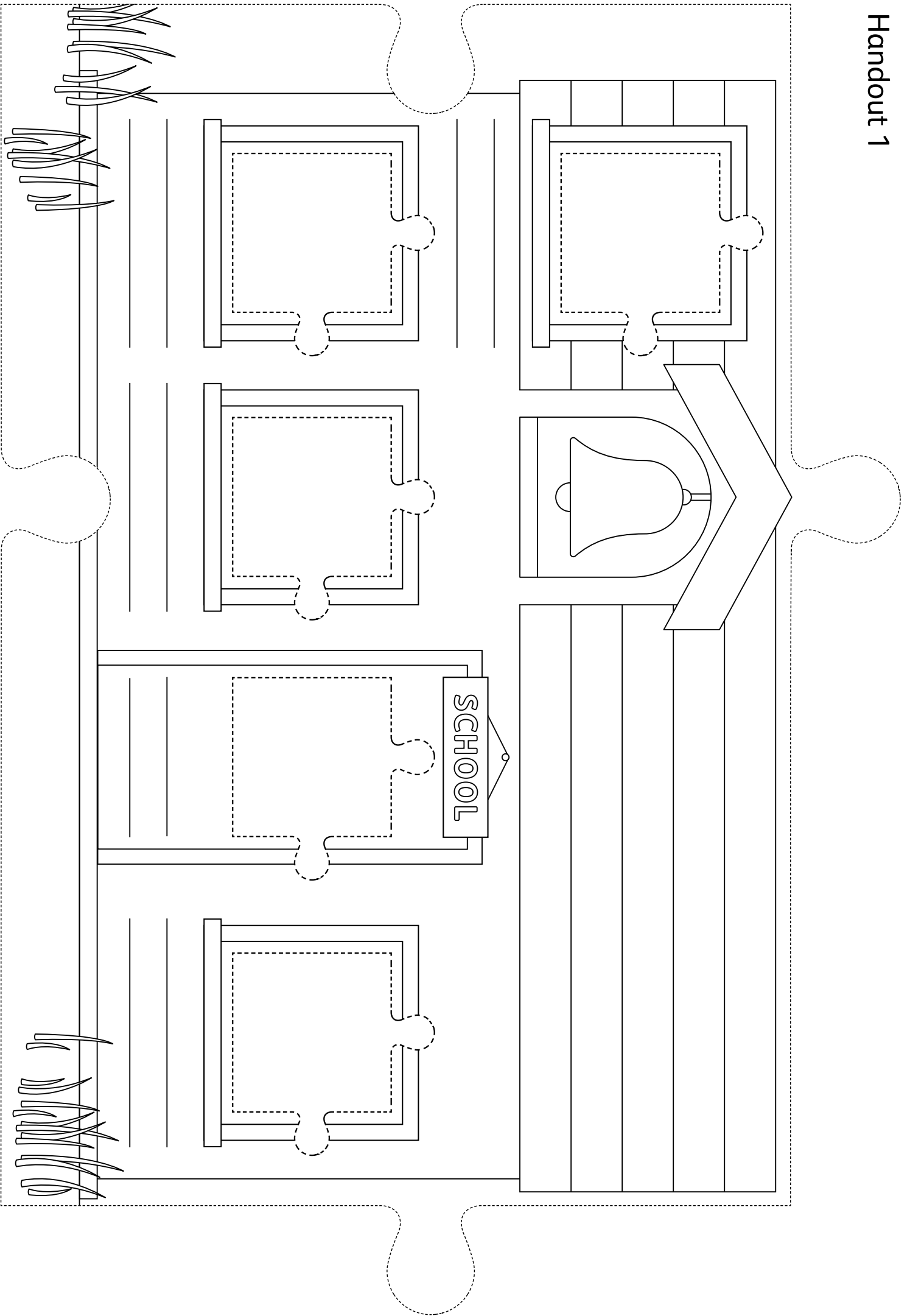
## STEP 4

Now it's time to decorate the jigsaw piece schools and make them as colourful and eye-catching as possible so that they stand out when they are presented to your MP.

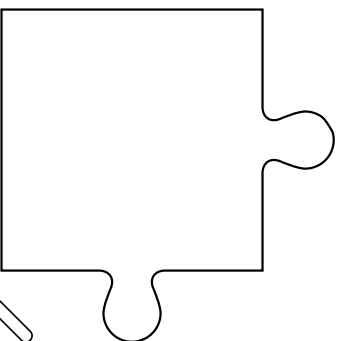
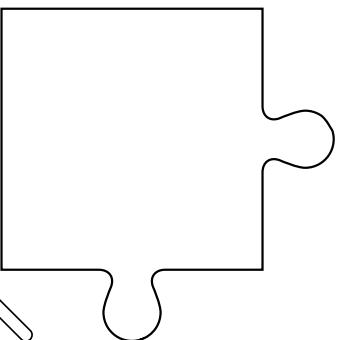
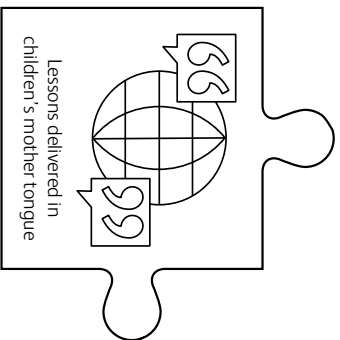
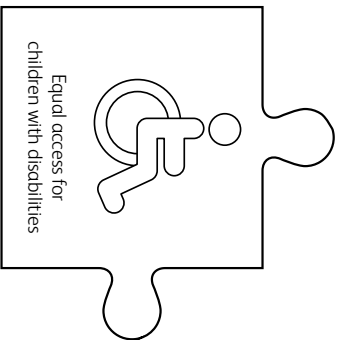
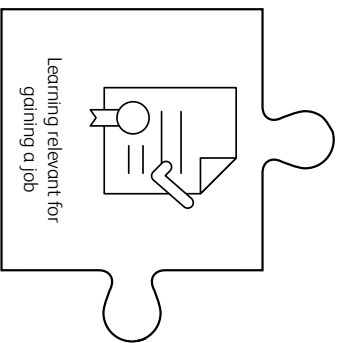
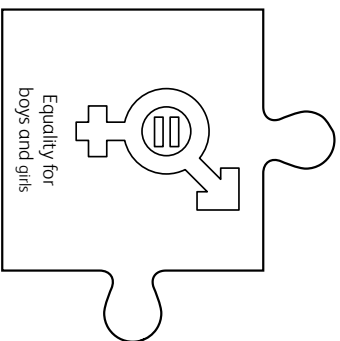
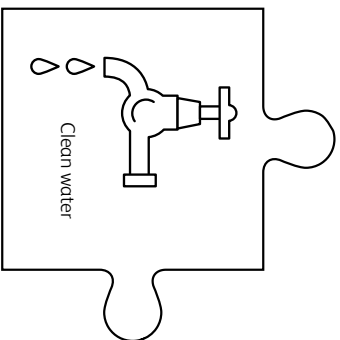
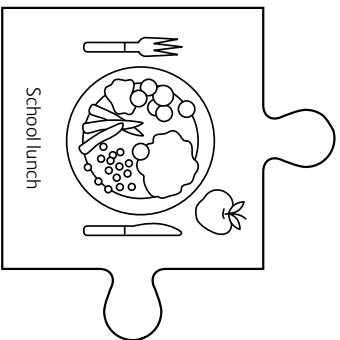
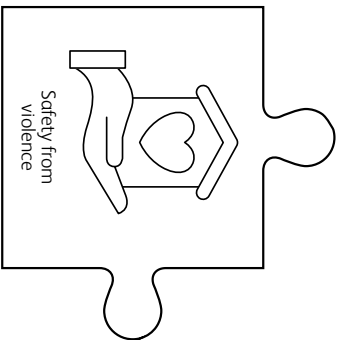
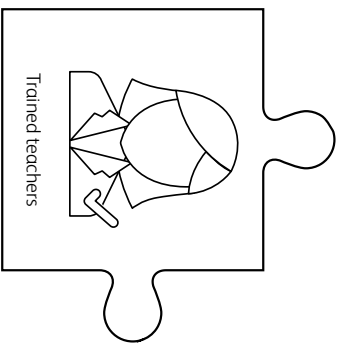
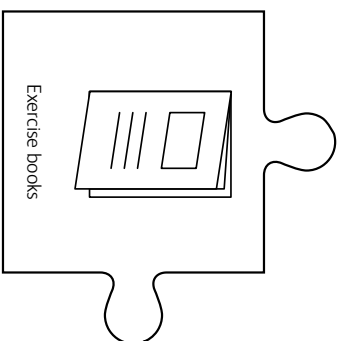
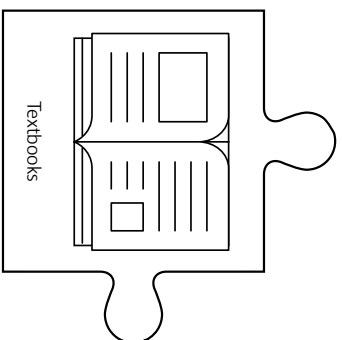
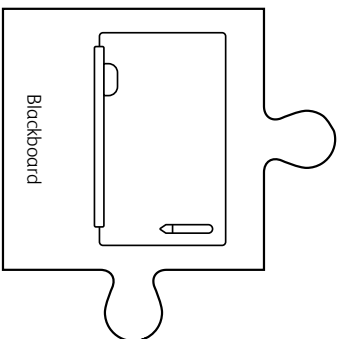
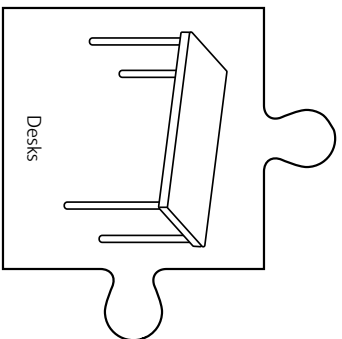
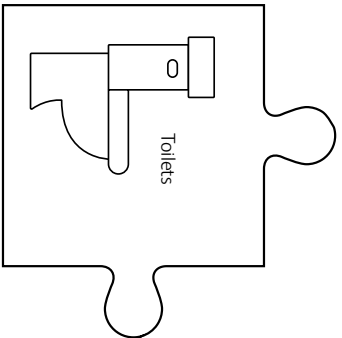
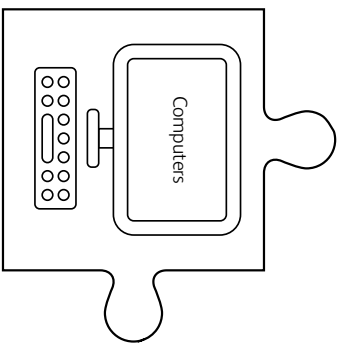
## STEP 5

Make sure to get your jigsaw piece schools to the local MP and ask them to pass them on to the Secretary of State for International Development - the UK Government decision maker on this issue. You can either invite your MP into school, visit their office or send the pieces through the post. (See next section for more details).

THINK



# Handout 2



Got other ideas for elements of a quality education? Create your own pieces.

# ENGAGE YOUR MP

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In order to get the UK government to increase their investment in education around the world we need as many MPs involved as possible.

Invite your local MP into school and present them with the paper jigsaw pieces made by your students.

This is an excellent opportunity for your class to gain some insight into their role in political processes and campaigning for others.

## STEP 1

Find your MP's contact details by entering your school's postcode at <http://findyourmp.parliament.uk>

## STEP 2

Get in touch with your MP's office by letter, email or phone and explain that your students are involved in the Send My Friend to School campaign calling for UK government to invest more in the power of education across the world. Let them know that your students have created some messages for them and invite them into school to receive them.

## STEP 3

Get your students to present their paper jigsaw pieces to the local MP to pass on to the Secretary of State for International Development. MPs are most likely to be in their constituencies on Thursday afternoons and Fridays so this is usually the best days to try for. The Send My Friend Week of Action will be 12th-16th June so it would be great to meet your MP in this week if possible, but if that doesn't suit any date is good.

## STEP 4

Prepare for your meeting. There are lots of top tips in our MP Toolkit [here](#).

## STEP 5

Get in touch if you have questions and please let us know about any contact you have with your MP by filling in [this form](#).



# SPREAD THE WORD



ACT

In order to get the UK government to increase its investment in the power of education across the world we need to get thousands and thousands of people to join our call.

To do this we need to get the word out:



## CONTACT YOUR LOCAL PRESS

Get in touch with your local newspaper and ask them to write a story about your school's involvement in the Send My Friend to School campaign. You can find their contact details on their website, and [you can download an editable press release here to send to them.](#)

## USE SOCIAL MEDIA



Help to amplify the campaign message by tweeting about your school's Send My Friend activity. Make sure to include @sendmyfriend in your tweet so that we can see it.

It's a great idea to take exciting photographs to include in your local press and social media work, **and please do send them to us too using this link.**



*Join me & my class in the @sendmyfriend call for world leaders to invest in the power of #education #SendMyFriend*



# GET CREATIVE!



Don't feel like you have to stick to what is in this pack - there are lots of ways that your students could raise awareness about this issue and support the campaign - the more unusual, the better!

Could your students create a giant photo?

Make a film?

Perform a drama?

Write a song?

Run an event at school?

Get your school groups and student council involved?



Or think of your own ideas. We can't wait to hear about what you come up with! Please do let us know what you are planning by filling in **this form**.