

Ideas for action 1

1. Make a story book for a young refugee

People coming to live in Australia don't always feel welcome. Write a story or rewrite a favourite one. Illustrate it, bind it and send it to a refugee centre near you. Include a letter of welcome to the new kids who have come to Australia to live: <http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/resources/links.html>.

2. Wear your school uniform with pride

The *FairWear* campaign asks Australians to think about how the clothes we wear are produced. A lot of the clothes made in Australia are sewn by people working in their homes. These home workers are mostly women and get paid as little as \$3 to \$4 an hour! Home workers make clothes for shops, famous brands and even school uniform suppliers. Find out if your school uniform has been made fairly. Download a school wear kit at: <http://www.fairwear.org.au/>.

3. Join the campaign to ban landmines

War creates poverty. Every day, 40 people are hurt or killed by landmines. Most of the people who are hurt are civilians (this means they are not soldiers). Most of the people who are hurt live in countries that are now at peace. This is because they step on landmines left in the ground after wars finish. For more information

about the issue, visit: <http://www.icbl.org/>. Read *10 things you can do for a mine-free world*, at <http://www.icbl.org/action>.

4. Hold a food drive for people in need

Bring in cans, boxes, and packets of food and donate them to an organisation that helps people who don't have enough to eat. Or cook something healthy and take it to a centre for the homeless. Phone a local centre before you start and find out what they need. Find out more at: <http://www.salvos.com/>, or <http://www.rosies.org.au/>.

5. Plant trees

Plant trees in your school or a local site that needs revegetation. You could also support people in your sister school or community plant trees. There are lots of ways to get started and lots of people and places to get help. Contact your local council.

Join the *UN Billion Tree Campaign*: <http://www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign/index.asp>. Get involved in *Planet Ark National Tree Day*: <http://www.treeday.planetark.com/>. Check out *Greening Australia*, at: <http://www.greeningaustralia.org.au/>, and *Landcare*, at: <http://www.landcareonline.com/>.