

ACTION LIST FOR SERVICE

Poverty

Join the campaign to ban landmines

Every day, 40 people are injured or killed by landmines and unexploded ordinance. Most of the casualties are civilians and most live in countries that are now at peace. For more information about the issue: <http://www.icbl.org/> Want to help? Read 'Eight things you can do for a mine-free world': <http://www.icbl.org/action>.

Buy gifts that give twice

When you buy a gift from Oxfam or Good Shepherd Trading Circle you are helping people in majority world (developing) countries work their way out of poverty. Both organisations are non-profit and support the development of community micro-enterprises such as toy making and the production of home wares. Organise a stall at your school and advertise the products in school or local newspapers. For more information about location of shops and to purchase online: <http://www.thetradingcircle.com.au/>, <http://www.oxfamshop.org.au/>.

Use ethically made sports balls at school

About 80% of footballs used in Australia are made in Pakistan. Workers earn very low wages and some are children. But you can buy sports balls that are fair trade accredited. This means there is no child labour used, workers get paid a fair wage (about twice as much as for stitching a non-fair trade ball) and the community benefits too. Do some research and present a case to your school and sporting club to get fair trade sports balls when they need to buy new equipment. To find out more and purchase online: <http://www.etiko.com.au/> Balls also available at Oxfam shops.

slavery

buy fair trade coffee/chocolate

HIV Aids project

Support an overseas orphanage/school

Stop violence against women <http://www.stopvaw.org/>

Support Fair Trade

Fair Trade is an alternative form of trade, based on equality, fairness and communication. It helps to alleviate poverty in third world countries. It actively supports community development through education programs, health, skill training and more.

a. Set up a stall and sell fair trade goods at your school,

contact www.thetradingcircle.com.au

www.fairtrade.com.au

b. Before you buy a present check out www.thetradingcircle.com.au

Before you buy a football check out www.etikosports.com.au

Before you buy chocolate check out www.cocolo.com.au

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Community

Make a story book for a young refugee

Write a story or rewrite a favourite one, illustrate it, bind it and send or take it to a refugee centre near you, with a letter of welcome to the new kids who have come to Australia to live.

<http://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/resources/links.html>

Visit an Aged Home

Visit a local aged home. You could practice some songs, and give a concert, or interview the residents, go back to class and write an essay about what you learnt about life through talking to your interviewee, and then go back to present your essay.

<http://emints.org/themes/resources/S00000392.html>

Knit some woolen squares

Homeless people can get very cold in winter. The ABC 702 stations has a 'knit in' every year – they want as many knitted squares as possible by July to make blankets. Why not knit some squares?

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2007/07/23/1912042.htm>

Bring in food for the homeless

Bring in cans, boxes, and packets of food and donate to the hungry who live in the streets of Sydney. Or cook something healthy and deliver to a centre for the homeless.

<http://salvos.org.au/donate/contact-donor-services/>

Volunteer at a soup kitchen

On any one night in Australia there are approximately 100 000 people without a home.

There are heaps of services for the homeless that require volunteers, such as working in a soup kitchen. In addition, get your school library to subscribe to The Big Issue – half the cover price goes to the homeless vendor. For more ideas for

http://www.actnow.com.au/Action/Homelessness_ACTION.aspx

Help out at an animal shelter

Thousands of animals are abandoned every year in Australia. The RSPCA alone receives over 140 000 animals each year and of these 30–55% can not be saved or rehomed and are euthanized. The RSPCA and The Animal Welfare League are the two largest animal shelters but there are also many other shelters around Australia. All depend on the work of volunteers. To find your local RSPCA branch: <http://www.rspca.org.au/localsites.asp> Animal Welfare League NSW:

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Environment

Adopt a beach

There are 60,000 Coastcare volunteers in 2,000 Coastcare groups around Australia, tackling problems like dune erosion, loss of native plants and animals, storm water pollution, weeds and control of human access to sensitive areas. Join an existing group or start your own.

<http://www.coastcare.com.au/> Example: Year 10 students from Christmas Island District High School WA, conduct a yearly environmental campaign to clean up Greta Beach to make it a safer place for nesting Green Turtles. <http://www.coastcare.com.au/CaseStudy.aspx?cID=23>

Create a Reuse Centre

Create a centre that can be used to redistribute items within your school for use in arts, crafts, science and technology projects. Or you could set it up as a profit-making business, selling items to other schools, community groups and individuals. For inspiration see Reverse Garbage, Sydney <http://www.reversegarbage.org.au/>

Ban plastic check-out bags in your community

In the marine environment, plastic bag litter is lethal, killing thousands of whales, turtles and other sea life every year. Planet Ark has worked with communities like Coles Bay (Tas), Kangaroo Valley, Huskisson and Oyster Bay, Sydney (NSW) to ban plastic check-out bags in all of their retail outlets. If these towns/suburbs can live without plastic bags, then maybe yours can too. Visit:

<http://www.planetark.com/campaignpage.cfm/newsid/7/story.htm>

Clean Up Australia

Commit yourselves to Clean Up Australia together.

<http://www.cleanuptheworld.org/en/Membership/learn-more---join-the-campaign.html?kw=AUSTRALIA>

Plant trees

Plant trees in your/ each others' schools, and ask your local council to help and join the UN Billion Tree Campaign <http://www.unep.org/billiontreecampaign/index.asp>

energy audit

raise \$ for captive breeding program

lobby council for better bicycle facilities (paths, lanes, racks, showers)

recycling project

sustainable fisheries

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