



SMALL STEPS[®] BIG DIFFERENCE

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS ACROSS THE WORLD

SPONSORED PLAYGROUND WALK



A CALL TO ACTION FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO JOIN THE SMALL STEPS BIG DIFFERENCE SPONSORED PLAYGROUND WALK

AKF Future Leaders Partners with UK schools to raise awareness of poverty-related issues and to help transform the lives of some of the world's most disadvantaged children.

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Over 2.2 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water, and a staggering 785 million children are forced to navigate this crisis daily

In many parts of the world, the basic necessity of safe and clean water remains a luxury, impacting the lives of millions, especially vulnerable children in impoverished communities. The global water crisis is not just a shortage; it's a dire threat to the health and future of countless children. The Small Steps Big Difference project sheds light on the alarming reality of the shortage of safe water, the arduous journeys children undertake daily, and the devastating consequences they face.



Children, often as young as five, walk for miles every day to collect water for their families. This not only robs them of precious time for education and play but exposes them to hazardous conditions and potential dangers. Lack of safe water results in waterborne diseases, causing widespread illness. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 1.5 million children under the age of five die each year due to water-related illnesses.

Children in impoverished regions face the harsh reality of growing up too soon, burdened with the responsibility of securing water for survival.

On average, children walk 3.7 miles (6 kilometres) daily to fetch water, carrying heavy containers that often weigh more than the children themselves.

Every day, the water crisis claims the lives of over 800 children globally, a heartbreaking toll that continues to rise.

A CALL TO ACTION FOR YOUR SCHOOL

We believe in eradicating water poverty by ensuring every child has access to clean water. AKF Future Leaders partners with UK schools for the "Small Steps Big Difference" fundraising campaign which supports children in developing countries through the provision of water wells in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Kenya.

By taking part in the "Small Steps Big Difference" sponsored walk around the playground, your school and pupils can benefit by gaining a global perspective, engaging with the cause, understanding challenges faced by peers in the developing world, and transforming lives through fundraising efforts. It simple, ask class teachers to provide a sponsorship form to each pupil, the parent letter is on the back of the sponsorship form, the children then get sponsored by family and friends and walk as many sponsored laps as they can around the playground. What we will need from you is the following:

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Identify a staff member to act as the lead for this and to communicate with us at info@joinakf.org.

Get teachers to incorporate related activities into lessons.

Encourage learning about water poverty.

Organize the "Small Steps Big Difference" fundraising walk and collect the sponsorship money.

BENEFITS TO YOUR SCHOOL

Enhanced understanding of global issues.

Engagement with the supported cause.

Insight into challenges faced by peers in the developing world.

Unforgettable exposure to the life of a poor child without clean safe water.

Understanding of fundraising and global giving.

Transformation of the lives of disadvantaged children.





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A FANTASTIC INITIATIVE HELPING SCHOOL CHILDREN IN POOR COUNTRIES

We are AKF Future Leaders, a passionate group of young free thinkers on a mission to change the world. Our diverse group of volunteers includes innovators, doers, makers, arguers, persuaders, and obsessors, all united by a fundamental belief – the belief that together, we can enhance young peoples leadership skills while simultaneously working towards raising as much money as possible for some great causes.

Our core mission at AKF Future Leaders is to inspire, connect, and empower young people, helping them learn valuable leadership skills and build strong networks. But we don't stop there. We harness these newly acquired skills to develop innovative fundraising ideas aimed at alleviating poverty. Together, we're forging a path towards a just and sustainable world where our collective intellectual capital and unwavering enthusiasm are dedicated to serving those in desperate need.

Whether you're at school, a college, or university student, or are already immersed in your professional career, the AKF Future Leaders network is here to support you on your leadership expedition through volunteering and fundraising for some great projects to help the poor.

Join us by volunteering at www.joinakf.org



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