

Teacher Resources

Running WE Schools in the classroom



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Why participate in WE Schools?

We're leading the way in learning through social action.

We want a world where all young people feel empowered to pursue their dreams and realise their full potential. WE Schools helps achieve just that—it encourages young people to challenge apathy by awakening their spirit of volunteerism. We're counting on teachers to guide the next generation in becoming the compassionate leaders our world so desperately needs.

The WE Schools programme is our way of supporting teachers who share our belief in the power of social action. Participating teachers will foster broader academic discussions and enable students to learn about local, national and global issues, and become agents of change.

WE Schools is digital!



Sustainability starts at home, and that's why we have committed to making this year's WE Schools Kit eco-friendly and paper free. This means our WE Schools Kit is fully interactive, easier to navigate, and packed with links to further resources for online learning. By going digital and interactive, we have saved over 750 kilos of paper—that's 13 trees! Download each guide as a PDF, record your social action journey with your students in the editable boxes, and celebrate your progress!

Exciting Additions This Year



WE Schools is always evolving to ensure that our resources are topical and engaging. This section is filled with new resources to help you run WE Schools in your classroom and everything you need to help take your social action journey to the next level.

WE Thrive Outdoors

Become a champion for the outdoors and share the benefits of being outside with your students and community as part of our WE Thrive Outdoors campaign. Transform outdoor experiences in your school by taking your learning outside, and discover real play, every day. In partnership with Persil.

Find out more at [WE.org/gb/wethriveoutdoors](https://www.we.org/gb/wethriveoutdoors).

WE Feel Good

Help champion everyone's right to feel good by sharing positive affirmations in your school and community. With our WE Feel Good campaign you can build a network of people who truly care about changing lives every day. In partnership with Boots.

Find out more at [WE.org/gb/wefeelgood](https://www.we.org/gb/wefeelgood).

WE Mail

Introducing WE Mail, a topical issue resource delivered straight to your inbox. From topics hitting the headlines to national awareness days, each issue features an exclusive resource to help you kick-start fresh conversations in your classroom.

Find out more on [page 18](#).

Developing Numeracy for Life Curriculum

As part of our WE Need Numeracy campaign, we are excited to introduce curriculum resources for both primary and secondary schools. Through these resources you can introduce the issue of numeracy in an experiential way, and explore how numeracy skills can be developed in tangible, contextual experiences. In partnership with KPMG.

Find out more at [WE.org/gb/libraryofresources](https://www.we.org/gb/libraryofresources).

WE Schools CPD

We are thrilled to launch our all-new, certified WE Schools CPD modules, designed to help teachers embed social action throughout your school. With interactive presentations, videos and activities, our online modules equip you with the knowledge and skills you need to transform the teaching and learning of social action in your school.

Find out more on [page 12](#).

Social Action Leadership Qualification

For the first time ever, teachers can work to gain a formal qualification with WE. Awarded by SLQ, teachers can sign up and use our online professional development modules to work towards a Level 5 Award in Social Action Leadership for Schools.

Find out more on [page 13](#).

Core Programme Offerings

Transform learning and reignite a passion for education with the WE Schools programme. WE Schools offers a wealth of resources to help bring social action to life in your school in a meaningful and engaging way.



Curriculum-matched Classroom Resources

Designed to easily integrate into your existing curriculum, our innovative learning resources support your commitment to engaging students in social action. Our differentiated lesson packages are tailored to meet the statutory requirements of the school curriculum, ensuring teachers across the UK can embed social action into everyday learning.



Action Campaigns

Our local and global campaigns help students take action on the issues they are passionate about. Our campaigns offer young people the tools and the inspiration to take social action, empower others and transform lives—including their own.

Explore campaigns in the [Local Social Action](#) and [Global Social Action guides](#).



Digital Programming

[Download our free modules](#) and guide your students to discover the issues they care about, challenge themselves and take social action. Our step-by-step digital programming resources are designed to support students to build the necessary skills for work and life, as outlined in our [WE Schools Learning Framework](#).

Additional Programme Offerings



WE Day

WE Day is a powerful, life-changing event that combines the energy of a live concert with the inspiration of extraordinary stories of leadership and change. Young people earn their way to WE Day by taking one local and one global action through WE Schools.

Learn more and register for tickets at [WE.org/gb/we-day](https://www.ve.org/gb/we-day).



Facilitated Programming

Wherever your school is located, WE Schools has a programming option for you. From face-to-face workshops, to multi-school youth summits and digital action planning sessions, our team of trained professionals are passionate about supporting and engaging your students in social action.

Speak to your WE Schools Programme Manager to find out what programming is available in your area.



Professional Development

Our bespoke training opportunities enable teachers to align WE Schools resources with curricular expectations, embed social action into the school curriculum, and develop your own learning needs and interests. Whether you want to start an extracurricular club or grow the enrichment programmes within your school, our professional development is the best place to start.

Learn more at [WE.org/gb/professional-development](https://www.ve.org/gb/professional-development).



Awards and Scholarships

With thanks to our generous partners, we are able to offer a variety of awards, scholarships and grants for student groups and individuals, that support young people to create transformational social change in their local and global communities.

Explore awards and scholarships at [WE.org/gb/awards](https://www.ve.org/gb/awards).

Experiential Social Action

The WE Schools programme provides a framework for students to meet their learning objectives while engaging with, and addressing the needs of their community. By combining classroom learning with meaningful action, students are able to develop a stronger understanding of local and global issues, while engaging in projects that help to make a difference, each experience reinforcing the other.

Steps of WE Schools

1. Investigate and Learn

Students explore topics related to a real-world challenge or opportunity.

2. Action Plan

Students develop an achievable plan to implement their social action project.

3. Take Action

Students implement their action plan involving direct action, indirect action and/or advocacy.

4. Report and Celebrate

Students highlight their project to showcase their learning and outcomes.



Record and Reflect

Students maintain a log of activities and complete written reflections throughout their project.



WE Schools Points of Entry

This unique programme supports teachers and students with the resources and strategies to achieve success. From extracurricular student clubs to curriculum time in lessons, WE Schools comes alive in a variety of places. It challenges young people to tackle important issues and empowers them with the tools to take action.

Extracurricular

The WE Schools programme can be used within a range of extracurricular activities, including student council meetings, learning outside the classroom, eco-warrior clubs and themed weeks. Our resources can also be linked to initiatives and school awards to develop students' character traits and skill sets, such as independent learning, problem-solving, team building, and a greater understanding of the world.



Features

- The digital WE Schools Kit is packed with engaging campaigns and fundraising resources covering a wide range of local and global issues.
- The digital resources include issue background materials, discussion questions and activities to support student learning with tools to help create an action plan.

Curricular

Our collection of curriculum-matched resources can be embedded into everyday learning within national curriculum subjects and alongside wider enrichment activities, like social action projects, work experience and character education.

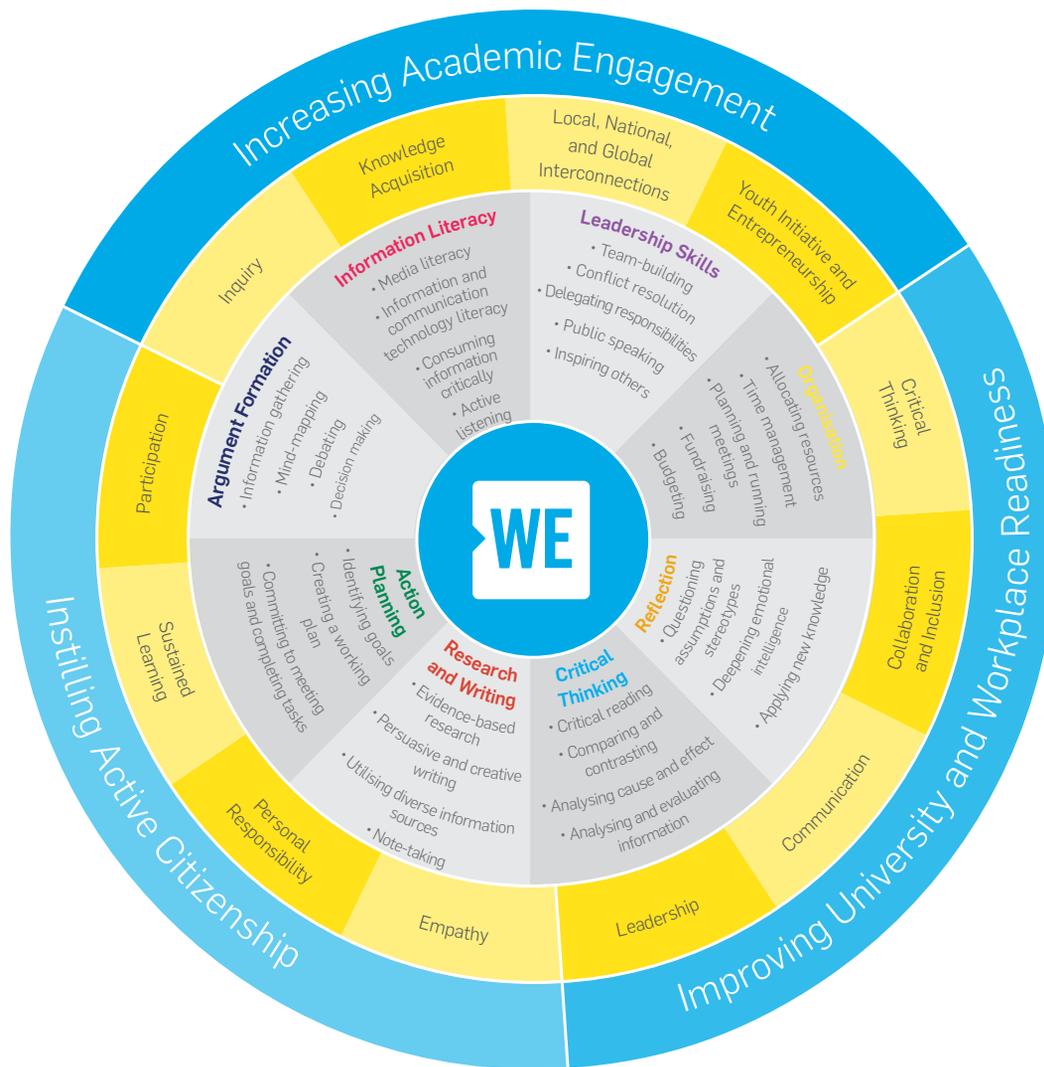


Features

- Students are guided through the WE Schools four-step learning process with an inquiry-based approach that uses essential questions, specific learning goals and engaging activities.
- Includes strategies for assessment and evaluation, differentiation and extensions for further learning.

Our Learning Framework

The WE Schools Learning Framework is the educational foundation for every resource we provide, including lesson plans and campaigns. It is grounded in pedagogical theories of social action and 21st century learning practices. As a teacher, the WE Schools Learning Framework can be used as a helpful reference tool to ensure that your curriculum expectations are met through student engagement with WE Schools programming. Look for our learning skills icons throughout the programme to find the most relevant skills students will be developing.



Skills



Argument Formation



Information Literacy



Leadership



Organisation



Action Planning



Research and Writing



Critical Thinking



Reflection

Sustainable Development Goals

The **Sustainable Development Goals** (SDGs) are a universal set of 17 goals that the United Nations created to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure prosperity for all by the end of 2030. Each of our campaigns and fundraising initiatives tie in with the SDGs, which means that when a student takes action through WE Schools, they are joining the rest of the world in working towards a sustainable Earth.



Teacher's Corner

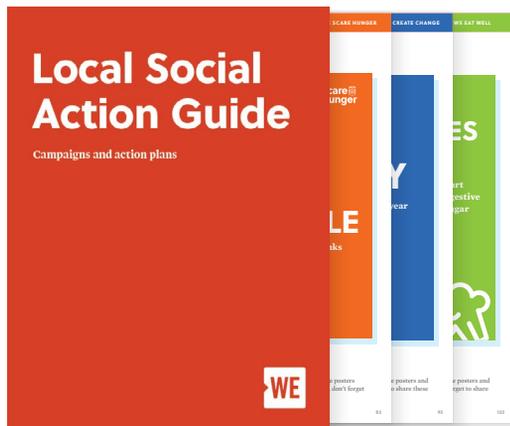


“WE Schools provides young people with opportunities to explore real life issues. As a result, the children are able to also learn about, and support, the Sustainable Development Goals through their WE Schools campaigns, which makes it easy for anyone involved to make real connections to the wider world.”

*Whitney Shore, Teacher, Chesterton Primary School,
London Borough of Wandsworth*

WE Schools Campaigns

When you empower your students with the tools to take action, they can do incredible things. With WE Schools, you can support them on their journey towards achieving their goals and to make a difference in the world. From participating in action campaigns to diving head first into important social issues, this unique programme challenges and benefits students in many different ways. With our resources, take experiential social action to the next level.



Local Social Action

This resource is jam-packed with fun, engaging action-based campaigns, designed to guide students as they plan and take action on local issues they care about. Each campaign has an introduction to the topic and action, with opportunities for students to research, discuss and reflect as a class. Through these campaigns, students jump right into their journey of learning and doing good.



Global Social Action

This guide supports students as they plan and execute their world-changing fundraiser. Filled with tips, ideas, resources and information, students are equipped with the tools to not only fundraise for a global cause they are passionate about, but also develop important skills like global citizenship. With this resource, students get hands-on when it comes to changing the world.



Further Digital Resources

Resources can be accessed online at [WE.org/gb/we-schools](https://www.we.org/gb/we-schools), making it even easier for students and teachers to take action. Wherever you are, get the most out of the WE Schools programme by downloading the digital programming modules, videos, and additional tools to support your class' world-changing actions.

Certified WE Schools CPD

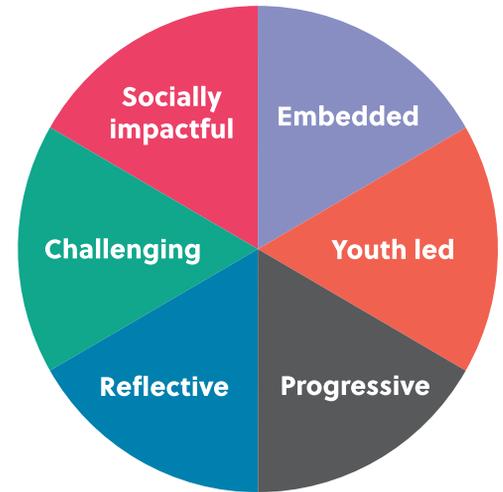
At WE Schools, we understand how difficult it can be to make time for meaningful social action. That's why we have created formal professional development modules, allowing you to create social change and enrich your own skills at the same time!

Our online and interactive modules, fully certified by SLQ, are designed to help you understand how to curate a culture of active citizenship in your school, and equip you with the knowledge and skills to become leaders of social action. By gaining subject confidence, tangible strategies and advice, and exploring real-life examples of ideas in action, you'll have the tools you need to empower the next generation of change-makers, and bring about transformative change for the whole school.

With WE Schools CPD you can work at your own pace, accessing our digital modules at a time and place that suit you. Through interactive presentations, videos and activities, you will be challenged to think about what social action means to you and your school.

Hear top tips from like-minded WE Schools teachers across the country about how to successfully develop a culture of positive social change, a generation of students who know their rights, and how to create an inclusive space for change to happen.

Find out more at [WE.org/gb/cpd](https://www.we.org/gb/cpd).



Six Interactive Online Modules



Understanding the Six Principles of Social Action



Embedding Social Action into School Culture



Using Children's Rights as a Starting Point for Social Action



Using the Sustainable Development Goals to Create Global Social Action Projects



Creating Inclusive Social Action Opportunities



Evidencing Social Action in School Inspections

Level 5 Award in Social Action Leadership for Schools

For the first time, teachers in the UK can gain a formal qualification with WE! Awarded by SLQ, you can use resources from WE to work towards a Level 5 Award in Social Action Leadership.

Taking part in this opportunity will give you the knowledge and skills to transform the teaching and learning of social action in your school.

Running in-line with the academic year, you will begin a journey of action research, by critically examining the way social action is taught in your school, then use our WE Schools CPD modules to gain the subject confidence and tools to design, implement and evaluate high quality social action experiences.

AWARDED BY



Sign up by 28 October 2019 to be a part of our inaugural cohort of teachers!

For more information including FAQs, please visit WE.org/gb/cpd.



Digital Information Sessions

Through interactive online sessions, teachers are introduced to the power of social action. Step-by-step, our expert team will guide you through a specific topic or theme, helping you to bring social action into your classroom.

During each session, we equip you with relevant tools and resources, highlight examples of best practice and offer practical advice to enable you to move your project forwards with confidence.

Taking place across the school year, each session is approximately 20 minutes long, with time to ask our team questions and connect with other teachers online.

Look out for invitations to our information sessions from your WE Schools Programme Manager.

Upcoming Sessions



WE Schools Onboarding



Implementing Personal Development Education



Character Education and Social Action



Homelessness



Environmental Sustainability



Food Waste and Hunger



WE Day

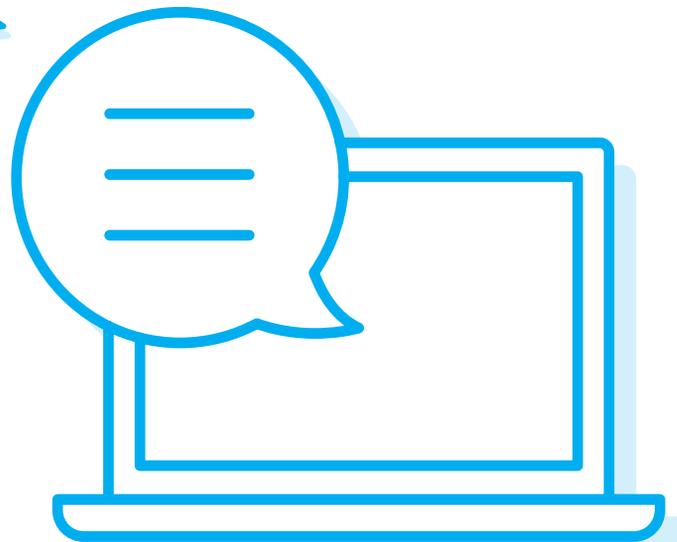


WE Walk For Water

Teacher's Corner

“The WE Schools digital information sessions have been great and something different for staff to take part in. We have used them for training purposes, and have found them to be incredibly insightful and informative.”

Zafroon Bibi, Teacher, Thornton Primary School, Birmingham



Digital Programming Modules

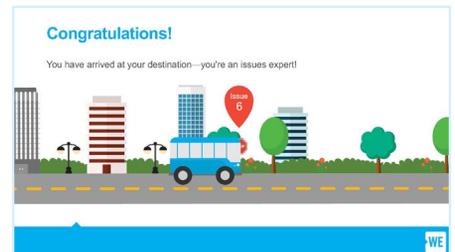
Through our interactive WE Schools digital programming resources, teachers are given the tools to deliver social action workshops in the classroom.

Available as ready-made Microsoft PowerPoint presentations, each one supports students to explore local and global issues, build their hard and soft skills, and get equipped to take meaningful social action.

Download and explore the free modules at [WE.org/gb/digitalprogramming](https://www.weschools.org/gb/digitalprogramming).

Issues Bus

Guide your students to discover the causes they are passionate about through issues-based debate.



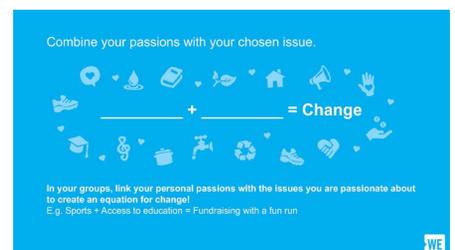
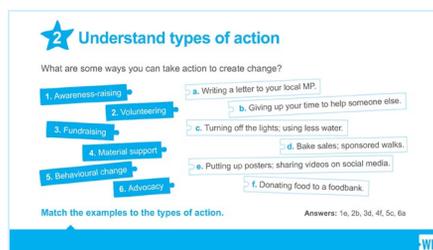
Challenge Zone

Encourage your students to think outside of their comfort zones and reflect on their strengths.



Action Planning

Support your students to independently plan a project and create a S.M.A.R.T. goal, step-by-step.



Knowledge is Power

Students will learn about barriers to literacy and issues that affect literacy rates across populations. They will create an action plan to increase access to quality texts that are culturally relevant and representative of readers' interests. This classroom resource creates opportunities for students to learn about social justice issues through fiction and non-fiction texts.

Campaign Connection: [WE Read Together](#)

Recognising the Hidden Homeless

This lesson package explores common myths about people who experience homelessness. Students will be encouraged to move beyond the assumptions they may hold and better understand the causes and effects of homelessness.

Campaign Connection: [WE Won't Rest](#)

Understanding Cyberbullying

Students will learn to recognise what cyberbullying looks like, and how they can be an advocate for online safety. Students will also learn about the damaging effects of cyberbullying and the ways in which they can raise awareness to help others.

Campaign Connection: [WE Rise Above](#)

Understanding Local Hunger

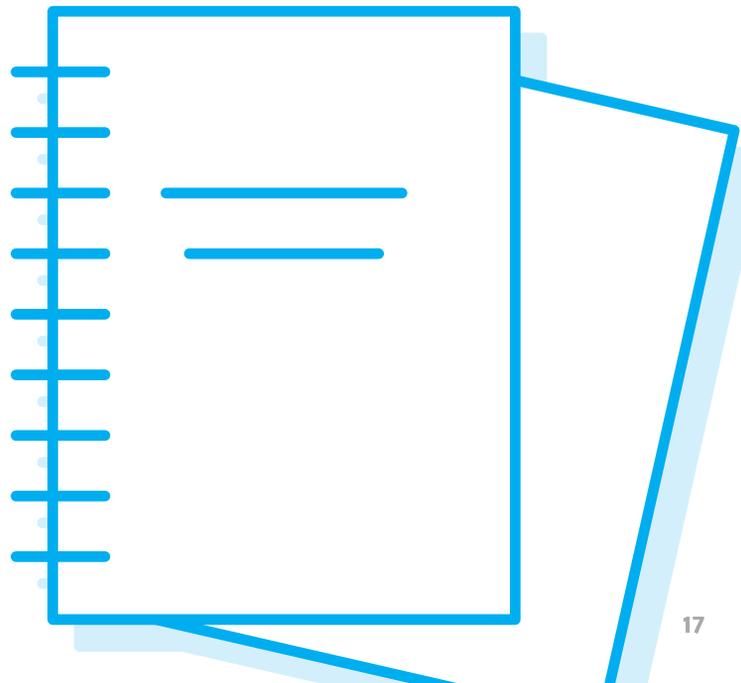
Students will explore the causes and effects of hunger through literature, media, statistics, and experiences within their community. Through this resource, students will analyse myths and stereotypes about hunger and develop an awareness of how hunger impacts their local community.

Campaign Connection: [WE Scare Hunger](#)

Volunteerism: A Growing Movement

Volunteering is a purposeful action taken to create positive change in communities. Through this resource, students will evaluate organisations and volunteer experiences. Students will reflect on the impact their volunteering has on others, as well as themselves.

Campaign Connection: [WE Volunteer Now](#)



WE Mail

WE Mail is a new, regular newsletter about topical issues delivered straight to your inbox. With an accompanying exclusive classroom resource about the highlighted issue, WE Mail is the perfect way to further a current social action project, inspire something new, or simply help support you in getting the word out there.

Past Topics



Sustainability



**Global Water
Access**



Anti-bullying



Well-being

Past Resources



**Showing respect
during Anti-
bullying Week**



**Exploring the
impact of single-
use plastic**



**Top tips for
creating a
successful action
plan**



**Reducing stress
during exam
seasons**



Not on our mailing list? No problem!

Simply contact your WE Schools Programme Manager or email ukyouth@WE.org to subscribe and stay up to date with news and exclusive resources!

Awards and Scholarships

Throughout the year, we offer a range of awards, grants and scholarships to help your students become change-makers and practice social action in their local and global communities.



Virgin Atlantic Be the Change Volunteer Trip Scholarship

Students from across the UK have the opportunity to win a life-changing volunteer trip to India. Thanks to Virgin Atlantic, 30 young people aged 12-18 travel to one of our **WE Villages** communities every summer in Rajasthan, India. Applications open during the Autumn term. Click [here](#) to learn more about this amazing opportunity.



Team London Small Grants

Team London is the Mayor of London's volunteering programme which encourages and supports primary and secondary students to tackle local issues and develop social action projects. Schools in London have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to support the planning and delivery of their social action projects. Applications open from mid-September 2019. Please contact teamlondon@WE.org to learn more and to apply.



To learn more about our awards, scholarships and grants, please contact your WE Schools Programme Manager or visit [WE.org/gb/awards](https://www.we.org/gb/awards).

Teacher's Corner



"The Virgin Atlantic Be the Change Trip Scholarship is an incredible life-changing and affirming opportunity for young people! Our pupils who have won this scholarship have been transformed as individuals into real ambassadors for global change."

David Church, Teacher, Mountain Ash Comprehensive School, Wales

A Year With WE Schools

Each school's social action journey will look different, and it's important that you do what works best for your school. This overview gives you a guide of key checkpoints throughout the year to help you plan your school's year of action.



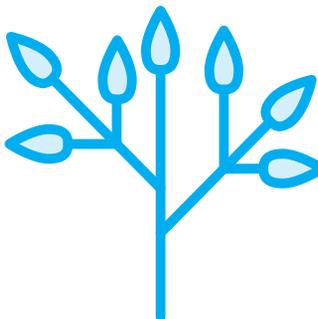
Autumn

- School year begins! Your WE Schools Programme Manager will reach out to welcome you to the programme.
- Registration for WE Day UK opens. Find out more at [WE.org/gb/we-day](https://www.we.org/gb/we-day).
- Complete your Year-long Action Plan.*
- Choose a local or global campaign(s) to take action on.



Spring

- New year, new actions! Continue working on your local or global campaign(s).
- Get ready for WE Day UK! Confirm your tickets or watch online at [WE.org/watch-we-day](https://www.we.org/watch-we-day).



Summer

- Join us to walk and fundraise for clean water with [WE Walk For Water](#) on 1 May.
- Reflect on your actions by completing your Year in Review.*
- Celebrate your year of actions with a [WE DayX](#).

Help us keep WE Schools free of charge!

*The Year-long Action Plan and Year in Review surveys are essential steps in the WE Schools programme. They must be completed each year in order to gain access to our full range of programme offerings, including tickets to WE Day UK. By demonstrating the positive impact social action has on your students and school, you are helping us keep WE Schools free of charge, year-on-year.

Connecting With the WE Schools Network

At WE, we are passionate about hearing and sharing impact stories from schools and young people across the UK.

Whenever you take part in a WE Schools campaign or fundraising initiative, share your progress and successes with us on social media and connect with other WE Schools along the way!

    Follow us @WEmovement Tag us #WEmovement

Stay in Touch



Don't forget to keep your WE Schools Programme Manager up to date with any projects, campaigns, or exciting news you have! Not sure who your Programme Manager is? Email ukyouth@WE.org to find out.



Download our [Media Release Form](#) so that we can share any photos you have on our social media networks or website.

