



## Christmas Shoebox Appeal Gaisce Guide

### Who is **Team Hope**?

TEAM HOPE is an Irish, Christian development aid charity, working with children, their families and communities across Africa and Eastern Europe.

[www.TeamHope.ie](http://www.TeamHope.ie)



### What is the **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**?

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal sends shoebox gifts from Ireland to children in need across Africa and Eastern Europe. These may be the only gifts they receive and every single box brings hope, love and joy!

### What is **Gaisce**?

Gaisce – The President's Award is a self-development programme that encourages you to find your passion, get active and make a difference in your community!

Gaisce is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to young people aged 15-25 to dream big and realise their potential. By taking part in Gaisce, you will take on exciting personal, physical and community challenges and develop new skills and new friendships.



[www.Gaisce.ie](http://www.Gaisce.ie)

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## Gaisce Challenge Areas:

1. Community Involvement
2. Personal Skill
3. Physical Recreation
4. Adventure Journey

## Working with **Team Hope** for Community Involvement & Personal Skill:

### Community Involvement

Community Involvement is all about making a difference to other people's lives. Everyone is unique and has something they can contribute to make their community a better place. It feels good to help, it's fun, and you often make new friends too!

### Personal Skill

Personal Skill gives you the chance to develop a new skill or interests. Working on a particular skill helps to boost your self esteem, develop other practical and social skills, and learn how to set and rise to a challenge.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Make shoeboxes, help others to get involved and help out at your local Christmas Shoebox Appeal checking centre to help us to get boxes ready to travel to their new homes!

This Appeal is so rewarding and will help you to meet new people and develop new skills.

Contact us for your local team info.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Public speaking: Prepare a talk to give to the other class groups on your school to tell them how to get involved in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Organisation skills: Coordinate the Christmas Shoebox Appeal at your school

Media/Marketing: Create a video/poster campaign to get your school involved!

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## Gaisce Bronze Award Community Involvement timetable for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal

<b>Week 1</b>	Launch Week: Order materials from Team Hope and ask if you can speak to different classes about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal
<b>Week 2</b>	Put up posters and plan your talks to classes. Use the DVD & website to get the information you need or get in touch with us.
<b>Week 3</b>	Designate an area to collect boxes & speak to classes/assembly
<b>Week 4</b>	Speak to classes/assembly
<b>Week 5</b>	Speak to classes/assembly
<b>Week 6</b>	Arrange with local coordinator for boxes to be collected.
<b>Week 7</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 8</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 9</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 10</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 11</b>	Help out at your local checking centre
<b>Week 12</b>	Prepare a presentation to report back to classes/community.
<b>Week 13</b>	Present & reflect. What have you learned? What would you do differently if you did it again? What could Team Hope do differently? What was your favourite part? Where do you feel you had the most skills to offer? Send us your notes so we can learn too!

## How to make a Christmas Shoebox

1. Wrap a regular sized shoebox. Wrap the box and lid separately (you may use a hinged shoebox or similar size plastic container).

2. Put the sticker from your leaflet (or print one from [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)) and tick the age group and gender. Stick it on the top right hand corner of your shoebox.

3. Fill your shoebox – using items from the 4 W's list. Please only include items that are new or items you would be happy to receive yourself.

4. Include €4 in the envelope of your leaflet (or any envelope) and put it inside your shoebox. Or you can donate it online.

5. Close the shoebox with an elastic band but don't seal it with tape as we have to check each box for custom purposes. Then drop it off by November 9th at one of our 400+ national drop off points! If you have more than 50 boxes please call us and one of our volunteers will collect them!



### 4 W's

These are some ideas of things you might fill your **Team Hope Christmas Shoebox** with:

#### Write

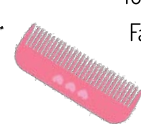


Pens/Pencils  
Crayons  
Paper/Copy Books  
Colouring Books  
Markers  
Sharpeners & Erasers



#### Wash

Soap (wrapped)  
Hairbrush  
Comb  
Toothbrush  
Toothpaste  
Facecloth



#### Wear

Socks  
Underwear  
Flip Flops  
Hat  
Scarf  
Gloves



#### Wow

Cuddly toy  
Skipping rope/Yo-yo  
Doll  
Small Musical Instrument  
Photo of You/Your Family  
Sweets (in date to 06/21)  
Ball  
Stickers  
Toy Car



#### What **not** to include:

Liquids (shampoo, bubbles, drinks), chocolate, sharp objects, scary things war related, masks), breakables, medicines, large clothing items.

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## Christmas Shoebox Appeal Stories

Emilia in Malawi left school in 5th class to be the head of her household, looking after her younger brothers and sisters as they have no parents.

With the copy books and pens in her Christmas Shoebox she says she wants to return to school! She never could have afforded to do this alone.



**EMILIA IN MALAWI**

I was happy as a king when I went to school and received items like: Colours, pen, pencils, Soap, socks, sweets and other things.

I pray God to bless my family and person who gave me these items. When I went home, I gave my brother the colours and was very happy as said that he will take me where I received those things. He coloured pictures and he was very happy enjoying the beauty of the picture. I pray God to bless Ngangani and my parents. When I grow up I will support other children.



be happy like this flower



**LEAH IN KENYA**

## Christmas Shoebox Appeal Stories

"I am a mother of a special child with a psychical disability. I want to thank you for the shoebox, which my son got and was very happy with it. Most of all Daniel liked the toothpaste, pencils, notepad, small cars and figures of animals.

I believe that in our complex world such small signs of attention for such sick children are very important, because they have so little joy in this life.

If there were more people like you, the world would be so much better! Thank you so much!"



**DANIEL IN UKRAINE**



**NAZAR IN  
TRANSNISTRIA**

Nazar is 10 and lives with his father & little brother. Their mother died of cancer a few years ago.

His father works hard so most of the time he is at work and the boys are often home alone. They have learned to wood, make a

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