

Secondary School-Christmas Shoebox Appeal-Lesson Guide

What is the Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign sending gift filled shoeboxes from Ireland to children affected by poverty in countries in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Resource List

- Our promotional video
- PowerPoint presentation
- Gaisce guide
- YSI guide
- Stories
- Crafts

How to Take part with your class/school:

1. Watch the Christmas Shoebox Appeal video on www.TeamHope.ie (approx. 3 mins)
2. • Use the PowerPoint presentation on www.TeamHope.ie to explain the Christmas Shoebox Appeal to students.
 - Discuss what items can go into a Christmas Shoebox Appeal
 - Allow students to react to the wonderful stories of children receiving shoeboxes
3. Use the resources to take part as part of you TY/ CSPE/ YSI/ Gaisce projects
4. Watch more videos from your video links resource to learn about & discuss the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.
5. Order leaflets (1 per person) & posters from TeamHope.ie / (01) 2940222

How to build a shoebox:

1. Wrap a box
2. Decide who your gift is for, a girl or boy aged between 2 – 14.
3. Fill your box with lovely gifts using items from the 4 W's list (online and in downloadable resource pack)
4. Add €5 to help us get your box to a child. (Online/cash) & stick on an elastic band to secure the box
5. Arrange a collection (we'll give you your local team's contact details)

Guidance note for teachers:

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal resources deal with the issue of poverty and so should be discussed sensitively in line with the Intercultural Education in the Post-primary School: Guidelines for Schools. These guidelines promote '*representing diversity as a normal part of Irish life and human existence ensuring that representations of minority groups do not focus on the spectacular or colourful events, as this may lead to stereotyping and may run counter to the aim of representing diversity as normal ensuring that all children irrespective of their colour, ethnic group, or ability can feel at home and represented within the school*'.

In line with this, our resources seek to increase students' awareness of global development but also emphasise the diverse and prevalent nature of poverty which can and does impact people of all ethnic groups or abilities. The stories which accompany the Christmas Shoebox Appeal highlight the positive impact of a shoebox on children of all backgrounds and illustrate the examples of our local partners who are changing the societies in which they live and work. Team Hope recognises poverty here in Ireland and does not want any child/family to be put under pressure to produce a Christmas Shoebox.

If you have any further queries about how to sensitively address issues arising from this material please feel free to contact us **(01) 2940222** info@teamhope.ie

We are so grateful for your support for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and we hope your students love taking part.