



Refugees and Education

action: fundraiser

UNHCR reports that refugees are five times more likely to be out of school than the global average. Only 61 per cent of refugee children have access to primary education, compared with a global average of more than 90 per cent. Without the chance to study, an entire generation is at risk. (source: <http://www.unhcr.org>)

What can you do to educate your fellow students about the plight of refugees? Why is accessing education especially important in times of displacement?

Can you connect with refugee children in your local community? What can you do to help enable them to access the education they are entitled to?

Can you think of innovative ways to raise money (or ask for donations) for five backpacks with school equipment ready for May? They can then be donated to local refugee students in the community ready for the start of the school year. Ms Kirkus Vacic can give you more details regarding the students and what equipment they will need.

EXPERT CONSULTED



Mr Arafat Jamal,
Head, Partnership and
Coordination Service,
UNHCR.



Dr David Hawley,
Director of Ecolint.

GLOBAL CHALLENGE

The problem with having uneducated refugees in a country is that they can't contribute to the economy. This ends up leading to problems like overpopulation, poverty, and many more.

This is a vicious cycle and in most cases the parents can't even hope to afford an education for their children, leaving them in the same cycle of poverty as them.

Our Global challenge links to many of the UN's different SDG's (Sustainable Development Goals), two of them being related to what we talked about earlier about economic growth and the other two entirely relate to our global challenge (eg. Without a good education it is difficult to get a good job etc...)

LOCAL ACTION

We are going to raise money by doing a fundraiser. Our plan is to get sponsors and people who will give us anything from money to books or anything that can be considered an educational tool.

To raise money by fundraiser/sponsors we will be doing some sort of physical activity in return eg. running and we will then give the supplies we have raised and deliver them to our expert Mr.Jamal.

We will also try to connect with a couple of refugees who are currently living in Switzerland and are currently getting scholarships in Geneva at a different campus of Ecolint. We are aware this is a sensitive issue and it may not be appropriate.

Local Action:

- Fundraiser
- Sponsors
- Donations
- Raising awareness

THE TEAM



Sean Tracy



Alex Tucci



Julian King



Noe Migliorini



Emmanuel
Bernard



Nicolas
Canovo