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Global Citizenship Challenge

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Global Citizenship Challenge is to develop learners' skills whilst providing opportunities to understand and respond appropriately to global issues. During the Global Citizenship Challenge learners will explicitly develop skills of Critical Thinking and Problem Solving as well as Creativity and Innovation, and apply them in an appropriate manner.

BRIEF

Many people are affected by natural disasters across the world. Search and rescue teams dig through rubble to find and rescue people. Agencies help care for people who were affected by such tragedies. Months and perhaps years could be spent fixing the damage that was caused.

But whose responsibility is it to support these countries in their hour of need? Are other nations obliged to help in times of crisis? Could Wales do more to help countries affected by natural disasters? Should we all be donating our money to others in need or is it the responsibility of the country affected? £17 million was raised in the UK through the Disaster Emergency Committee's Indonesia Tsunami Appeal following the Indonesian earthquake and tsunami which happened on 28 September 2018. This money was raised in just two weeks. In Wales the total was £552,000. Why are some people reluctant to donate to these appeals?



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With an average of 22.5 million people displaced by climate or weather-related events since 2008 (IDMC 2015) the need to support people who are left without water, sanitation and basic supplies is more frequent than ever. **Oxfam** is committed to helping save lives. From constantly improving safeguarding policies, to installing solar lights that make refugee camps more secure, keeping people safe is a vital part of our work worldwide. When catastrophe strikes - such as an earthquake, a conflict, a hurricane or a flood – the danger to life and health can quickly overcome people's capacity to endure. Donations mean people can be reached fast with emergency assistance – clean drinking water, food and shelter – to help them survive. Work continues long after with local communities so that people stand a better chance of recovering and rebuilding their lives free from poverty. People who work to promote human welfare – humanitarians - show compassion, empathy and human kindness. They demonstrate resilience and perseverance in times of need combing practical needs with emotional needs.

During this Challenge, you will research and investigate different viewpoints on whose responsibility it is to donate, respond and act during crises across the globe. You will investigate how Wales, the Welsh Government, charities and individuals support the international community in natural disasters.

You will need to understand the local and global issues of humanitarian crises. Once you have identified your Personal Standpoint you then have to raise awareness of the issues, effects and solutions that people, charities

and governments face when dealing with humanitarian crises. This should be presented in a creative and innovative way to a target audience. Your raising awareness pack allows you to show how creative and innovative you can be in communicating your ideas and presenting your message to other people.

Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre

<http://www.internal-displacement.org/>

Disaster Emergency Committee

www.dec.org.uk