

Young people demand change assembly script for secondary schools

Themes: change, taking action, global neighbours, poverty, Catholic Social Teaching

Materials Required: PowerPoint presentation, video, pledge cards




Preparation: Read through the script and check the PowerPoint and video link

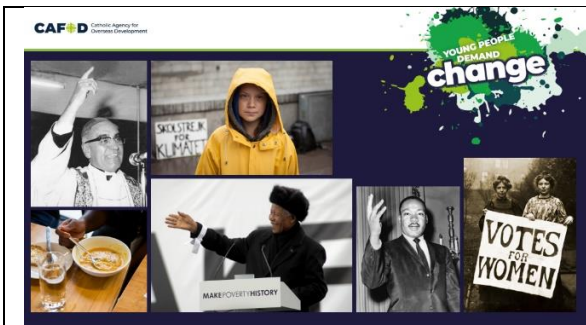
Desired learner outcomes:

- For pupils to understand how taking action and campaigning can make change happen
- For pupils to be inspired to take action on things that matter to them.

Time allocation: 5 mins

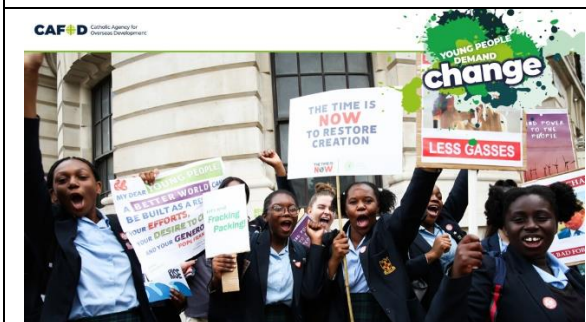
Level: This assembly is suitable for KS3, KS4 and KS5.

	<p>Slide 1: Holding screen Holding screen (as students enter the hall).</p>
	<p>Slide 2: VIDEO Good morning/afternoon, everyone. Welcome to our CAFOD assembly.</p> <p><i>[Click the green arrow to start the 1-minute video at:</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nUNoJYKGM0<i>]</i></p>
	<p>Slide 3: Today's assembly looks at how we can make change happen, to make the world a fairer place.</p> <p>Changing the world <u>is</u> possible!</p> <p>By working together and starting small, everyone can help to create a world where <u>all</u> people have clean water to drink, clean air to breathe and enough food to eat. Where every child has a safe home and can go to school. Where everyone's rights are respected, and everyone can live life to the full.</p>



Slide 4:

Some people who have campaigned against injustice are:
 [click] - UK women, demanding the vote in the early 1900s,
 [click] - Martin Luther King Junior in the United States, demanding civil rights for black people,
 [click] - Greta Thunberg, demanding climate protection,
 [click] - Marcus Rashford, demanding free school meals for children during the pandemic,
 [click] - Saint Oscar Romero, demanding an end to oppression in El Salvador, and
 [click] - Nelson Mandela, demanding an end to apartheid in South Africa.



Slide 5:

These leaders inspired others, who joined them and shouted together for change.

Some of the changes they demanded are not fully realised. For example, there is still poverty in parts of El Salvador, and our climate still needs to be protected.

But they had successes too. Women in the UK can now vote. Mandela became president. And nations are taking steps to protect the climate.



Slide 6:

What do YOU want to change about the world? Perhaps you feel passionate about biodiversity or the climate crisis. You may be outraged that 1 in 10 people lives in extreme poverty. Or you might think that peace is what the world needs most of all.

Whatever it is – speak up!



Slide 7:

Pope Francis said: “Young people demand change”. Catholic Social Teaching urges us to speak up for the common good; in solidarity with people who are treated unjustly.

If you don't speak up, who will?
 If not now, then when?



Slide 8:

Young people have already been demanding change with CAFOD. We saw some of them in the video.

So much about our world needs to change. What will YOU do?



Slide 9:

As we hand out a card to each person, we invite you to reflect on the changes you want to see in the world, and how you could help to make them happen by joining with others to demand change.

[Give out pledge cards ordered free from CAFOD Shop. Play quiet music.]

Later, in your own time, we invite you to sign the card as your commitment to campaign for justice, and to keep it in your phone cover or pocket as a reminder.



Slide 10:

For now, let's pray together the prayer on the card...



Slide 11:

Thank you.

Teachers: please follow up this assembly with CAFOD's 15-minute 'We demand change!' session during form time. Thank you.