

DARE TO CARE

'A Development Education Programme for Transition Year Students'



Mustard Seed
Communities

CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE



The Programme

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

For the past number of years Mustard Seed Ireland's 'Children for Children' Volunteer Programme saw more than 200 Irish TY student volunteers fundraise and travel to Mustard Seed Jamaica, to witness first-hand the good work of Mustard Seed.

With the onset of the pandemic all our international programmes have come to a sudden halt, with devastating effects for the charity.

Over the years our youth volunteers have become such an integral part of what we do. We want to continue to work with them to raise awareness and to be the voices for Mustard Seed in Ireland.

'*Dare to Care*' is an exploration of Global Citizenship. Through a series of workshops we explore Global Citizenship with a focus on Social Justice & Equality, Identity & Diversity and Sustainability.

The programme looks closely at the importance of Sustainable Development and uses the Communities Mustard Seed serves around the world as real-life examples of Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship in action.

Students come to appreciate their position as Global Citizens and learn how to use their voice to create the kind of world they would like to live in.



**"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with
great love"**

Mother Theresa



PROGRAMME DELIVERY

- MSC provides schools with a full suite of Development Education resources including; presentations, video content & lesson plans, together with training and support for delivery of the programme
- Workshops (x 7 modules) can be delivered weekly, or as a two-day workshop, depending on school's preference & timetable
- This programme is provided at no cost to schools



**“If you can’t feed a hundred people,
then feed just one.”**

Mother Theresa

Option 1: Workshops 1 - 7

WORKSHOP 1 - AN INTRODUCTION

A brief history of Mustard Seed Communities and its growth. We look at the role that volunteers have played in this work and the contribution that our participants can make through advocacy, fundraising and education.

WORKSHOP 2 - GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

In this workshop we explore Global Citizenship, what it means to us, our rights and responsibilities and how our position as Global Citizens can help in addressing issues of Social Justice, Diversity and Sustainability.

WORKSHOP 3 - SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUALITY

By examining symptoms and causes of extreme poverty around the world we develop our understanding of the effects of social injustice and inequality on developing countries.

WORKSHOP 4 - Social Justice & Equality (2)

Following on from workshop 3 we look at addressing social injustices and global inequalities through development work. In particular we look at Mustard Seed Zimbabwe its education, training and sustainable farming projects.

WORKSHOP 5 - IDENTITY & DIVERSITY

In Workshop 5 we talk about prejudice; what it looks like, where it comes from and the negative and dangerous effects of prejudice. We look at the impact of historical processes on diversity and identity in an Irish and international context, from the Magdalene Laundries to the BLM movement.

WORKSHOP 6 - IDENTITY & DIVERSITY (2)

In this workshop our focus shifts to Mustard Seed Jamaica and the progress it is making in addressing issues of prejudice. We take Mary's Child, a centre for teenage mothers and Matthew 25:40, a home for teenage boys affected by HIV as case studies. We look at the lives of these young people and how the support and empowerment of Mustard Seed's programmes affects their lives.

WORKSHOP 7 - SUSTAINABILITY

In this workshop we look at Sustainability from a personal perspective; our choices as consumers, our behaviours, the food we eat etc. We discuss the impacts of today's action on the future but also how climate change is effecting developing countries right now. We look in particular at Sustainable Development in Jacob's Ladder - MSC's 150 acre site that includes housing, sustainable farm projects and other sustainable enterprises. The vision for Jacobs Ladder is that it will become a fully self sustained village where the residents can live and work.

Option 2: Two Day Workshop

Day 1

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Day 2

IDENTITY & DIVERSITY

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The Fundraising

'MARATHONS FOR MUSTARD SEED'

Each participant is invited to take part in the **Marathons for Mustard Seed** challenge.

<https://mustardseedireland.ie/marathons-for-mustard-seed/>

#M4MSC sees participants complete a marathon 42 kms (or any distance or challenge you choose)! by running, walking, swimming, scooting, hopping and raising €200 in sponsorship.

This can be completed in groups or as individuals and it's a wonderful opportunity for participants to put what they have learnt about Global Citizenship into action.

Through advocacy, fundraising and spreading the word about Mustard Seed's work, students can make a tangible contribution.

***The needs that Mustard Seed Communities fulfill are now greater than ever before!
For that reason, we must continue our efforts to support our vulnerable communities.
We are extremely grateful for your support!***



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CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE,
DISABLED & ABANDONED CHILDREN