

Case Study

Envision School Team



School: Pimlico Academy
Region: London
Age range: 16 - 17 years old
Issue: Water



What issue did they tackle and why?

After attending Envision's Warm Up event in November and a presentation from War on Want, the team were struck by the effect of water poverty. They decided to raise awareness of this issue in their school by running an event with stalls, activities and a cake sale. This would also raise money for Water Aid.

What did they decide to do?

Once they had decided on the focus of their event, the team allocated roles to everyone. Shakel managed to secure £200 funding from the school to help them put on the event. The team quickly realised the importance of communicating with the school about their plans and met the events organiser who helped them think realistically about their plans.

They were also visited by a mentor from the Civil Service, who helped the team to think about different aspects of their event and troubleshoot potential problems.

The team were really motivated and a lot of work was done outside of the weekly meetings. During the event the team ran a series of stalls raising awareness about water poverty, including one stall where students had to answer a question on water poverty to win a lucky dip.



What is the Envision Schools Programme?

Envision works with teams of young people based in schools and colleges. Starting with the question, "What do you want to change?" teams are supported to investigate issues relevant to their lives as local and global citizens. Led by their own ideas and supported by staff and trained volunteers, teams plan and implement a project to tackle whatever issue they are passionate about - learning to be young leaders and gaining vital employability skills along the way.

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Achievements

Helped raise awareness of water poverty

Through their event, the students raised awareness of students in the school of the issue of water poverty. The event included a memorial where students wrote pledges about how they could reduce their own water consumption.

Become a positive role model in their school

The team have not only raised awareness of water poverty, but have also demonstrated to the rest of the school the difference a group of students can make to their community.

Were awarded a Certificate of Excellence Diana Award

The team's achievements have been recognised and two team members will have the opportunity to visit Canary Wharf to collect their award at a special ceremony.

Skills and Knowledge Gained

Managing a budget

Tahmina created a very detailed budget for the team's spending after they secured funding from the school. This involved researching the cost of different items. The team also wrote letters to try to get free ingredients from local shops and supermarkets.

Team work

The team learnt about the importance of allocating roles and tasks each week. They learnt about listening to each other and delegating tasks.

Event planning

The team learnt a lot about how to go about planning an event, from marketing to budgeting and assigning tasks.

Testimonials

"The group did an enormous amount of planning involving liaising with school staff to secure a financial contribution from the school, organising classrooms to do the cooking preparation, speaking to I.T about getting the room setup, buying all the ingredients and equipment. They ran the entire event themselves, with minimal input from school staff. The group came up with some brilliant ideas for fundraising including a duck pond, cake sale, henna stall and hand print memorial."

Nicky Bryant, Extended Schools Coordinator at Pilmlico Academy

"I was impressed by the level of team work that was taking place. I have been to work with many adult groups who did not involve the whole group anywhere near as well as these students did."

Kizzy, Events Coordinator at Oxfam

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