



Notes for educators/teachers

How to use these documents as a curriculum resource



Dear Teachers, Educators and Youth Group Leaders, welcome to the Purple Cake Day Resources.

The Purple Cake Day Resources are designed to be as accessible as possible to as wide a range of potential users as possible. We have deliberately produced multi-level, versatile resources and you are encouraged to use them as best suits the needs of you and your students.

You may prefer to use the documents as background material to develop your own resources and plans, or you may wish to copy parts for students to access and use themselves. It is our hope that these resources are adaptable and flexible enough to be used by teachers in any school anywhere.

Please take from them freely, and tailor the contents to your own requirements. It may be helpful though to consider the following curriculum connections.

Core Educational Values

The key education values of encouraging innovation, inquiry and curiosity can be stimulated through the inquiry-based learning experiences suggested.

Encouraging students to 'make Purple Cake Day their own' could really develop these same values. Allowing students to explore the issues, consider the lives of other children in different circumstances, to suggest activities to raise awareness of issues and to educate their peers

and community members would further foster the values of community participation, global citizenship, integrity and respect for others.

Self-directed student research, awareness and fundraising projects encourage young people to plan their courses of action, innovate, formulate ideas, as well as to develop their ideas into practical, real outcomes and to communicate effectively with others.

We have been seriously impressed with how young people express their enthusiasm for reaching out to others around the world, and how they demonstrate ingenious, innovative, thoughtful and considered avenues for action.

The work of such passionate and inspiring youngsters has led to the creation of the 'Purple Cake Day Ambassadors' role.

Key Competencies and Curriculum Links

While curriculum content varies between countries and we therefore have to keep some of these connections fairly general, there is much scope for curriculum focus through Purple Cake Day activities.

Literacy is critical for many curriculum areas, and we have provided several opportunities for both written and discursive literacy focus. You will probably find many further opportunities as you read the documents. The flag design and Kids 4 Kids art activities are excellent opportunities to focus on art, design and technology. Likewise, we believe there are strong links to many social





science / social studies curriculum areas.

Investigating the lives of people in other cultures and different circumstances creates opportunities to develop skills including empathy and understanding, a consideration of the values important to people and societies, and how the contexts of place and environment can impact on people's lives.

Using The Resources

You may want to run one or two lessons focused around Purple Cake Day, or you may want to choose a country of focus - Haiti, Nepal or Kenya - and approach Purple Cake Day as a whole topic and build a series of lessons in



various subject areas around this theme.

We have produced some photocopiable and adaptable lesson plans and worksheets as examples for you to use with your students. These are available to download at purplecakeday.org/resources.

You may prefer to direct the learning yourself or, particularly for older students, allow students to take the lead, researching and planning their own activities. We hope the material and ideas provided on the website will inspire you and your students to take action.

Haiti, Nepal and Kenya all provide a basis for fascinating case studies. All have a rich history and diversity which makes for excellent learning opportunities around other cultures and lifestyles. And, of course, the awareness and funds you help to raise will make an enormous difference to the lives of children and young people in Kenya, Haiti and Nepal.

Good luck, please keep us posted about all your Purple Cake Day activities. We would love to hear from you and welcome your feedback on Purple Cake Day Resources. Happy teaching and learning!

