

SEND MY FRIEND TO SCHOOL 2018

Make Schools Safe



2018 Action Guide



A school in Iraq left damaged after the conflict to retake the area from ISIS.

Photo: Tegid Cartwright/Oxfam. Feb. 2018

INTRODUCTION

In 2015 world leaders agreed Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 and promised a high quality safe primary and secondary education to every child in the world.

But 263 million children still don't attend primary or secondary school, and many children who do attend school aren't learning. School safety is increasingly being recognised as a barrier to education. If schools aren't safe and welcoming, then children are less likely to attend school in the first place.

There are at least 15 life-threatening armed attacks on schools every day, and 246 million children experience violence at school every year.

Join thousands of young people across the UK who are calling for the Government to help to Make Schools Safe.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- 1. Learn more and teach others about Make Schools Safe.** Stay on this page.
- 2. Hold a Day of Action in your school and collect Make School Safe signs .** Go to page 2.
- 3. Meet your MP and call for the Government to implement the Safe Schools Declaration.** Go to page 2.

1. Learn more about Make Schools Safe

Begin by learning more about Make Schools Safe and then strengthen your understanding by teaching others.

Your first aim is to deliver an assembly using the Make Schools Safe PowerPoint presentation. You may wish to do some additional research and adapt the text to suit your style. You could also show the campaign video.

Practise by giving your presentation to a small group first.



Young people take their Send My Friend to School campaign messages to the Prime Minister at No 10 Downing Street.

Photo: Tom Maguire/Results UK.

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2. Hold a Day of Action in your school and collect Make School Safe signs

Think creatively about the best way to spread the word about Make School Safe and get as many people involved as possible. You could:

- Present assemblies, peer teach lessons or hold a stall at lunchtime
- Visit local primary schools and inspire other young people
- Organise an exhibition, event or film screening about the issues
- Review the resources at www.sendmyfriend.org. Plan how you could use the films, case studies and learning resources in your campaign
- Write a press release and get a story in your local paper. See our press pack at www.sendmyfriend.org/resource/press-pack

Discuss your plans with your teacher and make sure they are achievable.

All you need to know about planning a campaign is at www.sfyouth.eu/index.php/en/sfyouth-toolkit/skills-topics

3. Meet your MP and call for the UK Government to Make Schools Safe

- Visit www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps to find the contact details of your MP.
- There are guidelines for how to have a great meeting with you MP in our 'Meet Your MP' toolkit. www.sendmyfriend.org/resource/meet-your-mp
- Create an action plan to make sure you get everything done in time. Make sure you collect Make School Safe signs to give to your MP and then try to schedule your MP meeting during our week of action, **18-22 June 2018**.
- Discuss your plans with your teacher to make sure that they are achievable.
- Here are some tips for developing the skills you need to organise your meeting. www.sfyouth.eu/index.php/en/sfyouth-toolkit/skills-topics/running-a-meeting



Young campaigners plan their campaign before meeting their MPs in Parliament.

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For support with taking action or setting up an Oxfam School Group, get in touch with Oxfam's Campaign Participation Team:

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