Plenary: Make your own Poverty Tree

Aims:
- To create a ‘Poverty Tree’ which captures young people’s learning relating to the root causes, effects and solutions to poverty. These can be handed in to your schools’ constituency MP and give young people a taste for campaigning.

Resources
- A large hall into which everyone involved can sit
- Large sheets of card (equal to number of groups of young people) on which to create your poverty trees, scissors, coloured paper, glue sticks and pens.

Instructions
- Cut up brown paper into the shapes of branches, roots and one large trunk.
- Stick these down onto the large sheet of card to form your Poverty Tree.
- Using the Power Point to guide you, think about the issues of poverty, hunger and climate change – these issues go in the trunk of the tree.
- In your groups, label the roots with the causes of the issue, and the branches with the effects of the issue.
- Using coloured paper, add leaves and fruit to the branches and label these with ideas for the solutions to the issue on the branch.
- Add your letter to the back of the Poverty Tree and ask other pupils at your school if they would like to support your message and sign the letter.
- Send your Poverty Trees to your MP. If you’re not sure who they are or how to contact them, please visit this website: www.theyworkforyou.com/