

G8 Italia 2009: Big Issues and Big Promises

Introduction

In July 2009, leaders of the G8 countries will hold their annual summit in Italy. The global economic situation will be uppermost in their minds but they have other big issues on the agenda too – not least their commitments to tackle poverty and to improve the quality of life for the world's poorest people.

The G8 summit presents a great opportunity to engage pupils with these issues and questions of power, decision-making and inequality at the global level.

Oxfam have produced a range of teaching and learning activities for which cover the following themes:

1. The G8 and the 5 Ws

Looking at the *Who? What? Where? When? Why?* of the G8

2. The G8 and development

Looking at health and education – in Africa in particular – and the role of G8 aid commitments in promoting progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. This section features a range of activities from Oxfam's Change the World in Eight Steps poster pack – and if you wish to widen or deepen pupils learning about these issues, there are many more activities you can use from this pack, which can be downloaded (free) at:

http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/change_the_world_in_eight_steps/?37

3. Big promises: How the G8 and You can make a difference

Looking at what we want the G8 summit to achieve and how we can act to help it on its way.

How to use these resources

These resources are offered as a menu of activities from which teachers can select and adapt activities that meet the needs of their pupils and curriculum. It is not envisaged that teachers will use all the activities. However, a meaningful learning experience will almost certainly comprise some activities from each of the above three sections.

Age-range

These activities are designed for use with pupils aged **10-14**. However, they can be easily adapted for use with older or younger pupils.

Curriculum links

Citizenship, Geography, PSHE