

OXFAM AND THE CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARD

The Oxfam Education and Youth Team wish to support young people to get involved with Oxfam Campaigns as part of their Chief Scout's Award (Platinum, Diamond and Queen's).

How can young people include Oxfam Campaigns as part of their Award?

There are opportunities throughout the Chief Scout's Award for young people to take actions which would support Oxfam's campaigning work.

For example, taken from the Chief Scout's Award Requirements, these are some of the areas which tie in with potential Oxfam campaigning projects:

In the Volunteering Section:	In the Skills Section:	In list area 1: International	In list area 2: Values
Campaigning Peer Education Event management	Democracy in action Film and video making Journalism	Take an active part in a project with an overseas aid organisation, such as UNESCO.	Choose a current issue to research, such as health or crime, and then present your findings to your Unit/Network.

Projects could easily be as short as 3 months and as long as 18 months in line with the varying lengths of challenges outlined for the Platinum, Diamond or Queen's Award.

What do we mean by campaigning?

Oxfam is currently campaigning on the Robin Hood Tax, Land Grabs, Food for all and many other issues. Young people who campaign might carry out activities which involve:

- **Influencing decision makers** (e.g. engaging with their MP or collecting petition signatures).
- **Raising awareness in their local communities** (e.g. holding stalls, organising events, talking to groups).
- **Raising awareness through the media** (e.g. writing blogs, organising media stunts, writing to a local newspaper editor).

What about fundraising and shop volunteering?

The partnerships we would like to initiate would be to support young people to get involved in campaigning. However if young people are interested in fundraising or volunteering in a shop as part of their Award we can signpost them in the right direction.

What support is Oxfam offering to your group?

If you think the young people in your group would like to hear more about getting involved with Oxfam's campaigning work as part of their Chief Scout's Award, then we are here to help. We can provide:

- Support via email and telephone.
- Sign off any paperwork if necessary.
- Physical resources e.g. Leaflets, petitions, stall materials, badges.
- Information e.g. Presentations, youth guides, activity ideas.

In return Oxfam would like:

- Individuals or groups to keep Oxfam informed of their progress.

Get in touch

If you're interested and want to find out more please get in touch.

Contact your Oxfam Regional Education & Youth Coordinator (details at <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/contact-us>) or email education@oxfam.org.uk.