

# YEMEN: AN ACTION GUIDE

Schools Speak Out  
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Yemen - not Ukraine, Syria or Iraq - is the world's greatest humanitarian crisis. Almost 21 million people - around 80% of the population - are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance, caught up in a bitter regional conflict which is in its 8th year.

In April 2020 war-torn Yemen recorded its first case of COVID-19. With its damaged health system unable to manage, it was estimated that Yemen would soon have one million COVID-19 cases.

In March 2020 United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres issued an urgent appeal for a global ceasefire in all corners of the world, including Yemen. He called for humanity to focus together on the fight to defeat COVID-19. However a lasting ceasefire in Yemen has yet to take place.

## What Can You Do?

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Begin by learning and teaching others. This will strengthen your understanding, improve your confidence and help you complete the other actions

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## 1. Learn and teach others about the Yemen crisis

Begin with learning about Yemen. Then strengthen your learning by teaching others about Yemen

- Read the PowerPoint presentation and do the *Opinion Continuum* activity with your class or your friends. If you have time do additional online research from trustworthy sources.
- Watch films about Yemen. There are short films by young Yemeni film makers here
- <https://bit.ly/371CstU>  
<https://comrafilms.com/production#works>

Quickly preview the films and watch the two or three films that appear the most interesting.

- Teach the Yemen crisis to your class, family or friends. For example:
  - use the PowerPoint presentation to present an assembly or teach your class. You may wish to change the script into your own words.
  - explain the Yemen crisis to your parents, family or friends. Try to do this in 5 minutes. Then try 1 minute.



## 2. Make and display paper doves for peace

Make, display and share paper doves for peace. Ask your teacher to share your doves for peace on your school's social media.

On March 23 2020, UN Secretary General called for a global ceasefire in all wars and conflicts as part of the UN's response to the Coronavirus pandemic. By June 2020, 172 countries had supported this appeal.

But in Yemen the conflict continues. The call for a ceasefire is urgent.

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# ***Doves for Peace***

It's much easier than you think to make a paper dove for peace. There's an online Youtube tutorial [here](#)

Plan how you'll teach your school about doves for peace, show others how to make doves and display your doves for peace all over your classroom, your school and at home.

This way everyone will know you're supporting an end to the conflict in Yemen and other conflicts around the world.



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### 3. Write to your MP

Now you've made your school community and family aware of the crisis in Yemen, write to your MP and ask them to call for the UK to push for an immediate ceasefire in Yemen and an end to arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

- Enter your school's postcode [here](#) to find out your MP's name and contact details.
- Use the MP letter template sheet in this resource to write a letter to your MP. Decide whether you will write as an individual or whether a group of you will co-sign a letter.
- The letter should come from a school email address or be posted from school. MPs' postal address is *House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA*
- Ask young people to write messages to your MP on the **Yemen postcard**. Include the postcards with your letter to show that many other young people agree with you about Yemen
- To make your letter more creative and interesting, think of attaching photos of your Doves for Peace display.



### 4. Fundraise for the Oxfam Yemen Crisis Appeal

Organise fundraising for the Oxfam Yemen Crisis appeal

- Learn more about the appeal [here](#)
- Think creatively about the best ways to raise money in school. Aim to link fundraising with learning and teaching about Yemen (page 2) and Doves For Peace (page 3)
- Discuss your plans with your teacher to make sure they are achievable and safe.

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