



In Focus: Climate Change

The impact of sea level rises, droughts, floods, warmer climates, cooler climates and other extreme weather events affects people all over the world. It affects water supplies, people's homes, fishing, farming, food and tourism. One of the common sources of conflict is the scarcity of resources. This can happen at all levels, in interpersonal conflict as well as global conflict.

In this edition of **In Focus**, we look at opportunities for teaching and learning about Climate Change and its connection to peace.



Circle Time Activity

Part 1 - Divide the circle into groups of 3 or 4. Give each group a large piece of paper and ask them to draw the following columns and headings:

People younger than you

People the same age as you

People older than you

Ask them to write down what people have disagreements about in each of the columns. Come back into the circle and discuss - Is it possible to put some of these sources of conflict into groups? Are there things we fall out about as children and as adults? One of the sources of conflict will be scarcity of resources – it might be toys when we are younger, and money or food when we are older. What are the underlying reasons for the conflict? These might include stress, survival, unfairness, inequality.

Part 2 - Mystery Activity – [Why did Runa's Stall Close Down](#) [Resource from Oxfam. Type title into Google to find the resource]

Mysteries are a technique to enable children to explore causes and consequences. They are a set of statements which the children need to put into order to make sense. They help connect events taking place in different parts of the world. This activity can be completed in a circle. Give a set of statements to groups of 4/5 children and then use the questions in the resource to reflect. This mystery connects a school boy in London with flooding in Bangladesh. Back in the circle, ask the children where potential sources of conflict might be. For example Runa's stall selling fruit and veg has had to close down. Runa will be unable to earn any money. How might this cause tension for her and her family? What impact might it have on her customers?

Northfield Eco Centre

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In Focus: Resources for teaching and learning about climate change



Climate Change—local and global

This online resource for KS2 and KS3 takes an enquiry approach to climate change. It encourages learners to explore the impact of climate change on their own lives as well as on communities in other parts of the world.

Climate Challenge

Oxfam's resources focus on the human impact of climate change. They include teachers' notes, activities and PowerPoint slides. There are resources for primary and secondary schools. There are additional resources to support the Sustainable Development Goals.

Climate Change Photo pack

The photos and accompanying activities can be downloaded or ordered from the CAFOD website. They particularly support RE and Geography teachers at KS3, although the ideas and images can be transferred to KS2.

Climate Challenge for 7-11 years Explore the human impact of climate change.



Climate change photopack



How to teach ... climate change



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This article from the Guardian gives onward links to a wide number of resources for teaching about the issue across different curriculum areas.

C4C Climate4Classrooms

This website offers teaching resources organised through modules. It takes a local-global approach and connects schools in different parts of the world.



And Finally....



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the **Priory
Rooms**
meeting &
conference centre

Northfield EcoCentre and the Priory Rooms join Peacemakers and the Peace Hub as part of the Central England Quaker family. Quakers support one another and the wider community to live sustainably and to explore the connections between sustainability, economics and peace. The Eco Centre can advise schools in their local area on how to become more energy efficient. The Priory Rooms is a conference and meeting venue strongly committed to living its' sustainability values. *'The action we are ready to take at this time is to make a strong corporate commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community.'* Quakers in

Meeting Gathering 2011.

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