

March Fundraising Update: Youth Give it Up



Give it Up, our new fundraising project inspired by **Ashford School's** Youth Awards Winning event, was launched last year and lots of groups have already taken part.

The premise of Give it Up is simple: get sponsored to symbolically 'give up' one of your rights in solidarity with those who don't have any choice in the matter. Then donate the money you raised to help us stand for humanity and human rights.

What are you going to give up?

Students at **Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls** in London gave up their right to free expression by holding a sponsored silence. To attract attention to what they were doing they spent much of the day with their mouths taped shut!

Lots of other groups including the Knox Academy Amnesty Group in Scotland and the **Eastlea Community School** in London did the same and raised hundreds of pounds.



Students from the Ellen Wilkinson School during their sponsored silence

Broughton High School have gone all out and organised a Give it Up week. They will be giving up a different right each day. On Monday they're wearing masks for the day, on Tuesday they're going on hunger strike to highlight the right to life, on Wednesday they will be holding a sponsored silence and on Thursday they are giving up technology for the day to highlight the right to property. On Friday they have a surprise planned – we can't wait to see what it is! To read more about their Give it Up day and to sponsor them check out their Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/BHS-amnesty-youth-group/>

Other fundraising ideas

Madeline, a sixth form student from Bath combined her Give it Up day with a Christmas jumper day where students donated a pound to Amnesty to wear a Christmas jumper to school for the day. It's not really the season for that anymore but you could have a non-uniform day in aid of Amnesty during your Give it Up day.

You could also hold an **AMNESTEA** during your Give it Up day. If people aren't going to sponsor you then they might pay for a slice of cake! All money raised goes to a great cause! Go to www.amnesty.org.uk/tea to order your **AMNESTEA** kit.

To draw attention to your Give it Up day and to explain why you're supporting Amnesty see if your headteacher will let you run an assembly in the morning. You can download an assembly from www.amnesty.org.uk/youthgiveitup

Get in touch

If you're planning on organising a Give it Up day then let us know! We can help make your day a success by sending you materials and offering advice.

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