



## ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

### Create a Learning Opportunity in your School/ Classroom

- **Morning announcement:** Ask the principal to alert students to October 17th Int'l Day for Eradication of Poverty, and that 1 in every 6 children in Canada is living in poverty. Encourage students to learn more by: visiting the Make Poverty History, the Campaign 2000 website, and sending an email message to the Prime Minister and their MP.
- **Invite a guest speaker** to your classroom or student group to talk about poverty in your community and what we can do to Make Poverty History. [Contact Campaign 2000](#) for help in finding a local speaker.
- **Set up a information table** for students and school staff to raise awareness of poverty in your community. Encourage them to TAKE ACTION by visiting [www.campaign2000.ca](http://www.campaign2000.ca) to send a message to their Member of Parliament.
- **Hold a fundraising event** and donate the funds to a local anti-poverty organization

### Classroom ideas

- For Family Studies, Civics or Social Studies classes: use the [poverty quiz](#) to stimulate discussion of poverty in Canada.
- See the public newspaper messages at [www.childpoverty.com](http://www.childpoverty.com) and put them up on walls for discussion.
- Visit the [Partners](#) section of this web site and get involved in local actions in your province. Encourage involvement in elections by attending/organizing an all candidates meeting and asking about plans to reduce child poverty.
- Drama classes: use the "**poverty is**" quotes for 1 minute improvisations.
- Math classes: use the statistics in the [Report Cards on Child Poverty](#) to develop exercises.

### Resource materials

- Campaign 2000 [Report Cards](#) (National and Provincial)
- Food Bank reports from [www.cafb-acba.ca](http://www.cafb-acba.ca); [www.dailybread.ca](http://www.dailybread.ca) (Toronto) and your local food bank
- Contact your local Social Planning Council and United Way/Centraide for local reports on poverty
- Elementary school teachers: take your class to see "Danny, King of the Basement" award winning play dealing with child poverty. Produced by Roseneath Theatre, it's playing at Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People in Toronto Feb 2007.

## Organize an Event in your School

### *Wear White and Form a Band Around the School*

- White is the international symbol of the Make Poverty History campaign. What a better way to symbolize wrapping a school in a white band, than to use your own students and staff?
- Get everyone to wear white clothes for the day of the event.
- Order some white wristbands for everyone to wear. For order and cost information visit the [Make Poverty History web site](#).
- Organize all student and staff to stand around the school and hold hands. From above, you look like a real white band around the school!



### *Construct a Make Poverty History Banner and Hang it on Your School*

- Materials to Purchase: white tarp/plastic/cloth, black duct tape /black acrylic paint, rope, velcro, etc.
  - Determine where you want to hang your banner... maybe along your school's roof, entrance, or even along the walls inside.
  - Cut the white material to banner size. Using black duct tape or black acrylic paint, put your message such as "Make Poverty History" or "End Child Poverty in Canada".
  - Use the rope or velcro to hang the banner. You could tie it to a post, or use velcro to hang it to a wall.
  - Encourage students and staff to sign the banner showing their support for the message.



### *Wrap the Inside of Your School*

- First purchase some "Make Poverty History/Abolissons La pauvreté" barrier tape by visiting the [Make Poverty History web site](#) or calling 1-613-241-5293
- Then tape it all around the school walls from doors to windows. Or, cut it into sashes that students can wear over their shoulder.

## Resources

- White Make Poverty History/Abolissons la Pauvrete wristbands to sell. Order in advance from the [Make Poverty History web site](#).
- Make Poverty History barrier tape: order from 613-241-5293.
- Campaign 2000 Report Card on Child Poverty from [Campaign 2000](#).
- Direct students/staff to this link to [send a message to their MP](#).