

Home is the start of it

One in four people in our world live in poor housing. Families are forced to live in places that are cold and damp, overcrowded or do not have a door that locks.

Habitat is a Christian housing organisation which welcomes people of all faiths and none to help build a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Simple homes save lives. Families are healthier, children do better in school and parents have a chance to earn a stable income.

Every day, Habitat for Humanity works beside families to build, renovate or repair their home in 70 countries around the world.

Habitat advocates to improve access to affordable shelter and support funding models that enable families with limited resources make vital improvements to their homes.

In Northern Ireland, Habitat brings people together from across the community to serve the most vulnerable. It raises funds to support long-term partner programmes in some of our world's poorest communities.

- DONATE • FUNDRAISE • VOLUNTEER
- SHOP • SHARE



Michelle Kwamboka Nyakeya (10)
outside her Habitat home in Kenya

Testimonials

"The children thoroughly enjoyed the 'Our Waste, Our World' workshop. It was interactive and extremely insightful. Don't miss the opportunity to sign up and take part!"

Eco-Schools Coordinator, Holy Family PS, Teconnaught

"The children really enjoyed the workshop and learnt so much (as did the teachers!)."

Teacher – St Joseph's Primary, Strangford

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Our Waste Our World



Our Waste, Our World explores waste and sustainably issues, in our community and around the world, with primary school children.

Creative and interactive workshops are delivered by Habitat's experienced facilitators to children of all ages from nursery school up to Primary Seven.

Pupils will explore and learn about:

- The impact that waste in Northern Ireland has on families living in poverty in the developing world
- What life would be like to live in a 'shack'
- How Habitat is diverting reusable waste from landfill
- How something as small as a donated doorknob can raise money to help build hope and homes
- How small changes in their lives can make a big difference

Extra resources and homework material enable learning beyond the classroom.



Eco-Schools delivery partner

The programme helps schools work towards their Green Flag accreditation by providing practical assistance and information, and making progress in the topics of:

- Waste
- Litter
- The Global Perspective

Curriculum Links

There are also many direct links to the curriculum areas within:

- 'The World Around Us'
- 'Personal Development & Mutual Understanding'

Front: A slum community near a rubbish dump in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.
Inside: Pupils participate in the Our Waste, Our World workshop



Active Citizens

Pupils are encouraged to become active citizens by making small changes at home and school to have a positive impact on the environment while doing something simple to raise funds to support Habitat's life-changing work.

Flexible programme

The programme is flexible and includes a 2.5 hour workshop which can be delivered at Habitat ReStore or in the classroom. The content and time commitment can be tailored to meet specific school needs.

Sign up or learn more

Get in touch with our Schools and Youth team today:

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Habitat ReStore

The programme can include a visit to a Habitat ReStore to see first-hand how Habitat is diverting tons of reusable waste.

Habitat ReStores are low-cost DIY stores that sell donated new or used building and home improvement materials. As well as helping build a sustainable future, ReStores enable local families to improve their homes at low-cost. They provide volunteer opportunities for people of all abilities and backgrounds and raise funds to help build hope and homes.

Fundraising

Participating schools are encouraged to fundraise whatever they can to support Habitat's work. Every penny makes a difference to families in need. Just £100 could provide a solid door and window frame in Ethiopia. We have lots of ideas and resources to help you get started.