

School Councils and Charity Committees

How can we support **MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY**?

You don't need to wait for your teachers to organise support for Make Poverty History in your school. If you've got a school council or charity committee get them involved. If you haven't then get a group of your mates together to do something to help.

How should we go about it?

Here are some top tips to get you started:

Get organised

- Know your stuff! What is it that got you going about MPH and how would you want to present that to others? You can get them excited about it by telling your story and knowing what you're talking about when they ask for facts.
- Think about what you'd like to achieve by helping, how you want to make it happen and propose an action at your next council or committee meeting.
- Think about how you can get as many people in the school involved as possible.
- Give yourself enough time to organise stuff and recruit enough help.
- Work out if you need to recruit a supportive teacher – think through what you'd want them to do – ask them for something specific and make it easy for them if you can.

Teamwork

- Break down what you want to do into a sequence of bitesize tasks and then put them together in a step-by-step sequence.
- Share out jobs between the group.
- Have regular meetings together, say once a week for an hour. At these meetings you will air ideas and opinions, discuss any problems and agree on how you will get the job done.

Tell everyone

- Write an article for the school newspaper or website and tell everyone what you're planning to do.
- Ask your teacher if you can do an assembly about why you're supporting MPH and what you're planning to do – perhaps use the wristbands as a 'hook' and spread the support by people talking about them.
- Tell your local paper and radio station what you're doing and see if they want to do a story about it. That way you'll be able to tell so many more people about why MPH is so important.

Stay motivated

- Remember that what you are doing is a good thing and will make a difference. If you don't rant on or get in their face, people will see your dedication and soon start to care.