

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

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2015 is drawing to a close and we wanted to use this opportunity to say a massive THANK YOU to all youth groups who have helped organise fundraising events for Amnesty in 2015. Everything, from the work we do on human rights education in the UK to the research we conduct into human rights abuses throughout the world, is funded by you, our members. Without the support of you and others like you Amnesty simply wouldn't exist.

There are still a few weeks left in the year so you still have the time to organise one more fundraising event. Below are two examples of successful fundraising events organised recently by youth groups. If you're interested in organising a fundraising event – either based on the examples in this update or something else entirely – then get in touch using the details below!

This month, we also have details of an exciting new fundraising project that will be launching next year.

King Edward VII School Amnesty Group

The King Edward VII School Amnesty group in Sheffield raised £223.12 at their day of fundraising and campaigning held in support of Syrian refugees. They ran a stall selling cakes and badges and got students in the school to pose with 'refugees welcome' placards. They are planning on using these pictures to lobby their local MP. The event was a great success! Not only did they raise a lot of money, but they also raised awareness of an important issue.



Students from King Edward VII Amnesty Group pose with a Refugees Welcome placard

Christmas Stalls

Several of our youth groups are organising Christmas stalls selling festive snacks and crafts to raise money for Amnesty. You could set one of these up during a lunchbreak or even at your school's Christmas Fayre, if you have one. Stalls like these are a great way to raise money and also to have conversations with your fellow students about what it is your group and Amnesty International does.

Fundraising for women and girls in Sierra Leone and Burkina Faso

We have an exciting opportunity coming up in 2016 that we are keen for our youth groups to get involved with. The Department for International Development are working with Amnesty International UK to help fund an education programme to help prevent female genital mutilation (FGM) and Early Forced Marriage (EFM) in Sierra Leone and Burkina Faso. Keep an eye out in future youth fundraising updates to see how your youth group can get involved!

GET IN TOUCH!

To discuss a fundraising idea or request materials for your event, email fundraise@amnesty.org.uk or call **020 7033 1650** and speak to a member of our fundraising team.