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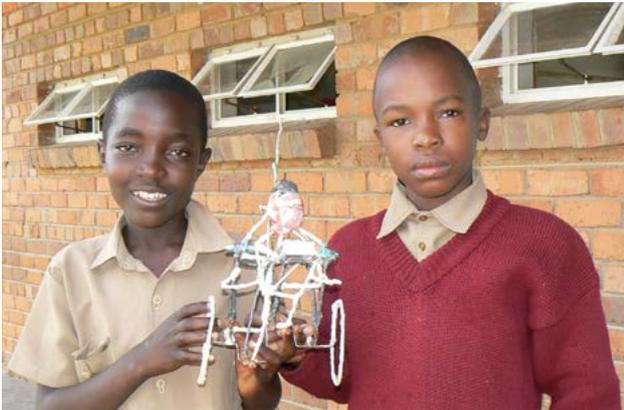


Education for Justice



An introduction to our new programme,
initiatives and school resources

What's new?



Rooted in partnership

Education for Justice, Jesuit Missions' refreshed programme for schools, builds on and enriches the Companions Programme (CP). Education for Justice places at its heart the principles of dialogue, solidarity and collaboration. Moreover, Education for Justice aims to provide students and educators with tools and opportunities to identify and tackle patterns of injustice locally and globally and, in doing so, to empower schools to promote 'A faith that does Justice'.

We aim to empower educators and students to:

- * Promote social justice actively, inspired by the Jesuit ethos of 'living a faith that does Justice'

- * Work with the Jesuit schools in Zimbabwe to bring about permanent change
- * Learn more about human development and the work of the Jesuits and the principles that underpin it
- * Become intercultural citizens who are attentive and loving towards people of all backgrounds

We will do this by providing new school resources, capacity-building events and support to educators and students, and by designing these in collaboration with schools.

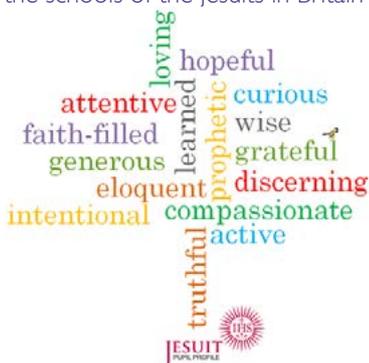


“ Dear young people, please, don't be observers of life, but get involved...immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did. ”

Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2013

Education for Justice and the Jesuit Pupil Profile

The values and attitudes we will promote are inspired by and deeply connected with the characteristics of the Jesuit Pupil Profile (JPP), nurtured by Jesuit education. Evolved by the schools of the Jesuits in Britain and launched in 2013, the JPP proposes eight pairs of virtues that pupils in Jesuit schools are encouraged to aspire to possess. Each virtue is deeply related to the promotion of social justice, an important part of Jesuit identity.



The Companions' Programme

Education for Justice will continue to stimulate schools in the UK and African countries to cooperate with each other and promote social justice through the Companions' Programme, a school linking initiative between students in Jesuit and Catholic schools around the world. St Ignatius called his first followers 'Companions' and it is in the spirit of St Ignatius that the Companions' Programme has been set up. We believe that local and global issues are deeply interconnected. By joining forces, schools do not only learn about each other, but also contribute to create a fairer world.

Education for Justice takes the principles of partnership and equality that underpin the Companions' Programme further with a new approach to working with the Jesuit schools in Zimbabwe.

Working with Zimbabwe



An urgent need...

Zimbabwe is one of the richest countries in Africa but after years of mis-management, it has become one of the poorest. It has gone from being the bread basket of Africa to being dependent on food aid to feed its people. As the country's situation has deteriorated, so its people have sunk into ever deeper poverty.

“ Work to eliminate the structural causes of poverty and to promote the integral development of the poor; as well as small daily acts of solidarity in meeting the real needs we encounter. ”

Pope Francis, 2013

This has gravely affected the education sector. Over **120,000 children** drop out of school every year leading to an enormous waste of human potential.

The Jesuits, with their longstanding commitment to schools, are responsible for educating **14,500** young people in **18** schools in Zimbabwe. **90%** of the students come from the poorest communities where food insecurity and grinding poverty are rife.

Mindful of their commitment to “*the struggle for faith and the struggle for justice which it includes*” (GC 32, 1975), and the urgency of educating young men and women for the future, the Jesuits have discerned the need to provide not only an academic education, but also to form the minds of young people so that they can become active citizens ready for the service of God and their fellow Zimbabweans.

The Education for Justice programme is a strategic priority for the Zimbabwean Province. It will provide a citizenship curriculum, leadership courses for students and professional development for teachers. In addition, it will help to meet some of the immediate needs of the schools.

Just as St Ignatius called his first followers “companions”, so we are asking UK schools to accompany not only their companion school in this vital work, but also to support the wider Jesuit school community in Zimbabwe through this programme confident that, in doing so, we are “*desiring always the magis, that which is truly better, for the greater glory of God.*” (GC 35 2008)



School resources for you



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Throughout the year 2014/2015, Jesuit Missions will publish a series of school resources to help you throughout the year. Inspired by Ignatian Spirituality, they will complement schools' curriculum, and will be published around dates of topical importance.

Future JM publications:

- * 'Companions Dos and Don'ts'- updated guidelines about the Companions programme (Dec 2014)
- * 'Just Actions - A Manifesto for E4J', practical actions to promote social justice in schools (Dec 2014)

Future school activities:

- * Assembly for secondary schools for World Day of Social Justice (20th February 2015)
- * A new edition of 'Great Hope', an assembly for secondary schools during Lent
- * Assembly and class activities for Mother Earth Day for secondary schools (22nd April 2015)
- * Assembly for primary schools for Africa Day (24th May 2015)

How you can take action

We need the Jesuit schools here in the UK to help us respond to the education crisis in Zimbabwe and strengthen and deepen the existing partnerships between the schools.

The schools here in the UK have generously fundraised for Jesuit Missions through the *Companions Programme* and we are grateful for your continued support. We believe that in partnership with 'Education for Justice Zimbabwe' we can increase the impact of these magnificent efforts.

The Zimbabwe Province has identified a need for £50,000 over three years to help achieve the priorities laid out under the project 'Education for Justice Zimbabwe'. Your support will help your partner school and all schools in Zimbabwe. We will provide you with regular updates and information as the programme is developed. Thank you for your support.



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