



Companions in Action Partnership Guidelines

As part of Jesuit Missions Companions in Action we undertake to uphold the aims of the programme and take as our guide the Companions in Action Aims and Way of Proceeding. The programme seeks to foster a global community and promote a climate in which young men and women become people of conscience, competence, compassion, and commitment, embracing Fr Pedro Arrupe's vision of becoming men and women for and with others.

Recognising the global need for understanding diverse cultures and recognising all people as part of God's family we undertake this partnership in accordance with the guidelines noted below:

1. In the first instance partnerships will last for three years, commencing on and concluding on the dates indicated in the Partnership Agreement.
2. Should it be deemed of benefit to both parties the partnership may be renewed for a further period of time, the length of which will be determined at the end of three years under the guidance of Jesuit Missions and its partners. Should this happen, a new partnership agreement will be adopted to reflect any necessary changes.
3. Each partner school will designate a member of staff who holds the main responsibility for the programme. Should this member of staff no longer be able to fulfil this role, the school will select someone to take up the role. Any member of staff who is working with the programme is expected to be familiar with the Aims and Way of Proceeding, as well as the Partnership Agreement. Jesuit Missions will provide any necessary support.
4. Participating schools are encouraged to have a dedicated group or class who leads in support of Companions in Action. Schools are also invited to ensure that as many young people as possible have knowledge of CiA and the opportunity to get involved. To this end regular meeting times are highly desirable.
5. Participants will actively look for ways in their own communities and in the wider national and international communities to counter injustice and promote a more equitable society through direct action, campaigns and prayer.
6. Participants will work to become caretakers of creation through individual and group action which embraces the sustainable development goals.

7. Within the Ignatian context and inspired by the Jesuit Pupil Profile the programme seeks to help young people come to a fuller appreciation of their own gifts and those of their fellow students in other parts of the world. It also hopes to create a context wherein young people in partner schools celebrate the rich cultural, educational and linguistic diversity which characterises our schools with a view to finding God in all things.
8. Partnerships are encouraged to engage in any fundraising in the spirit of the preferential option for the poor and Jesuit Missions commitment to going where the need is greatest.
9. Jesuit Missions encourages partners to make use of the many diverse means of communication available, including letter writing, Skype, web conferences, and emails to promote partnerships.
10. Companions in Action will provide a forum in which partners can share both existing and new service activities which demonstrate how they strive to become men and women for and with others.
11. Participants commit to engaging in the Companions in Action in the Spirit of the Magis, asking what they can do to create a more just world and thereby become men and women of conscience, competence, compassion and commitment.