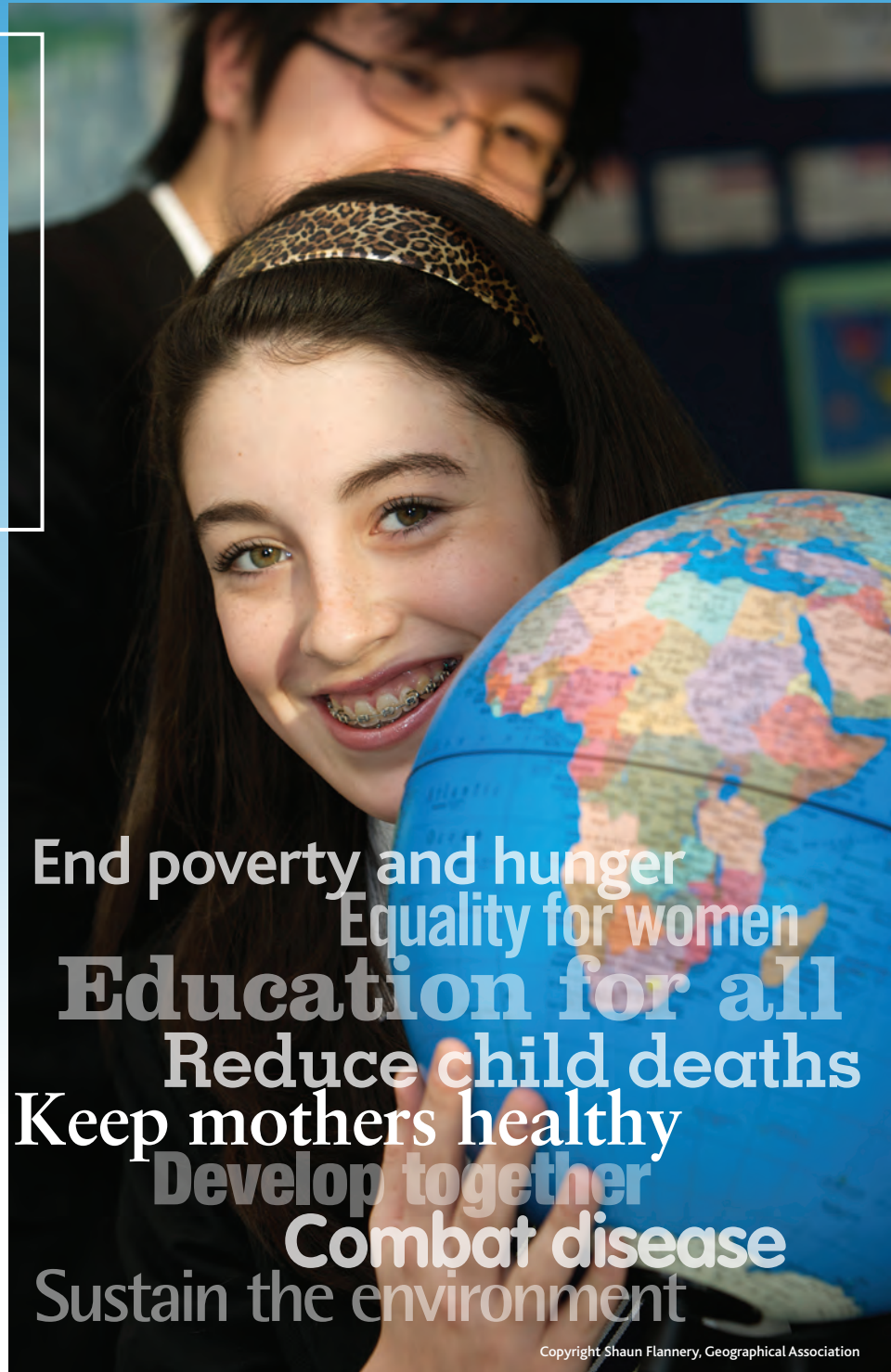


Shape the Future Competition



Take part in this exciting competition and give your Key Stage 3 students the opportunity to influence plans for the post-2015 UN Development Goals. Who better to shape the future than young people?



End poverty and hunger
Equality for women
Education for all
Reduce child deaths
Keep mothers healthy
Develop together
Combat disease
Sustain the environment

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What is the Shape the Future Competition?

The eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set targets to improve standards of living for the world's poorest countries. Enormous progress has been made, but what should happen when the goals expire in 2015?

The Prime Minister is co-chair of a High Level Panel appointed by the UN Secretary-General. The Panel is leading and co-ordinating the formulation of plans and recommendations for development post-2015. The panel will report back in May 2013 and, in advance of the final recommendations, the Prime Minister would like to hear the views of young people via the Shape the Future Competition. The proposals from the winning entry will contribute to the new United Nations Development Goals (UNDGs) that will replace the Millennium Development Goals in 2015.



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This exciting competition will help Key Stage 3 students to think about:

- the current MDGs, why they were selected and how the international agreement has operated;
- how well countries have achieved against them;
- how and why the MDGs are being reviewed and what the new focus for them might be;
- their proposals for future development targets.

Students will submit their ideas as a presentation which will be judged by an expert panel.

To support teachers in preparing students to enter the Competition, as well as help teaching about the MDGs, a resource pack will be available to download from the Global Dimension website.

“We are absolutely clear that we need to listen. We don’t have all the answers...”

Prime Minister David Cameron,
UN High Level Panel, November 2012

For more information go to www.globaldimension.org.uk

How will the Competition be run?

Round 1 (January–March 2013)

Groups of up to five Key Stage 3 students work together to create short presentations using their application of choice – for example, PowerPoint or video. Older students can provide mentoring to help stimulate interest and discussion but should not be involved directly in the preparation of the presentation. There are also opportunities to utilise existing links with partner schools overseas to gain their input into the presentation content.

Schools will select one presentation to be entered into the national Competition. The submission deadline for school entries is **Thursday 28 March 2013**.

An Expert Panel will select five schools to go through to Round 2. The five shortlisted schools will be notified by the end of the Easter holidays and their presentations will be uploaded to the Global Dimension website, where other schools can view them.

Round 2 (April 2013)

Each finalist school will be assigned two expert mentors who will conduct a one-day, in-school workshop in the first or second week of the summer term to help the team to refine their proposals prior to the final presentation stage.

Following the mentoring workshop, the five finalist groups will travel to the new Department for International

Development (DFID) headquarters in London for a day of presentations and workshops before presenting their final proposals to an Expert Panel including Secretary of State for International Development, Rt Hon Justine Greening MP. The winning team will then be selected by the Expert Panel.

Shape the Future prizes

The winning team will work with DFID to develop their proposals further following the competition and will also have the opportunity to visit other key government departments.

In addition, the winning team will undertake a special project with Oxfam to find out how the work of a NGO like Oxfam links to the MDGs. This will involve visiting some of the Oxfam installations around the UK and interviewing staff about their work in order to produce a video diary that will be posted on the Global Dimension website for all schools to access. All travel and accommodation costs for the five students and one teacher will be covered as part of the prize.

“The principle aim of the Panel should be to focus on finishing the job of ending extreme poverty.”

Prime Minister David Cameron,
UN High Level Panel, November 2012

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How can my school enter?

- Identify which colleagues are best placed to lead on the Competition within your school and pass these details on to them.
- Consider whether your student council or other student-led groups would also be interested in leading on the Competition.
- View the wide range of resources available on the Global Dimension website.
- Register your interest on the Global Dimension website to access the Competition resource pack.
- Submit your school entry as specified in the Competition resource pack by **Thursday 28 March 2013**.

Useful weblinks for resources for teaching about the Millennium Development Goals



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Explore the MDGs through posters and activities, case studies and a 2010 update at www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/change-the-world-in-eight-steps

To find out how countries are progressing in their efforts to achieve the MDGs, visit www.mdgmonitor.org

To track support for the implementation of the MDGs, go to the UN website <http://iif.un.org/>

Presentations by pupils could make reference to data and views gained from partner schools. For information about Connecting Classrooms visit <http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/programmes-and-funding/linking-programmes-worldwide/connecting-classrooms>

Respond to the UNICEF UK survey for young people under the age of 25 at www.surveymonkey.com/s/talkingaboutyourworld by 10th February 2013 to answer the question 'What kind of world do you want to live in and what issues do you think are important?'

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