

Lenten fundraising guide

for Schools



The Big Lent Walk

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WEE BOX, BIG CHANGE appeal

In 1994, Rwanda experienced a devastating genocide which has had a lasting effect for decades. Today, women and girls often have more difficult lives than men and boys, with many suffering directly from gender-based violence and living in fear of attack. Women and girls are also less likely to receive an education, get a job, and earn money to meet their basic needs.

We're working with the Church and our partner CEJP Rwanda to provide essential support and protection to people affected by sexual and gender-based violence.

CEJP also work to support families to grow more food, start small businesses, access safe water and adapt to climate change. We work together as part of the global church, as one body with many parts (*1 Corinthians 12:20*).

Visit sciaf.org.uk/resources for more information on this year's appeal.



This year we are delighted to launch The Big Lent Walk in partnership with our sister agency in England and Wales, CAFOD. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves that we are all members of a global family.

Through the simple act of walking together, we can demonstrate that we are all connected – and by joining forces we can make a huge difference. It's also a great excuse to get out and about in the fresh air and have some fun as a school!

What is it?

It's called The Big Lent Walk, and it's a fantastic, tangible way to inspire and engage your pupils around the season of Lent, putting Catholic Social Teaching into action and showing them they can reach out with love to families in extreme poverty around the world.

We are asking schools across the country to walk together for change!

How it works



Step 1

Visit sciaf.org.uk/biglentwalk or contact getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk to register



Step 2

Set your target distance and begin walking on Ash Wednesday



Step 3

Track your progress and update those who are sponsoring you



Step 4

Enjoy your walks together and share your progress with SCIAF on social media!

If you'd rather not set up a JustGiving page, our team at SCIAF can help with everything you need to get going.

Contact getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk

Fundraising tips and inspiration

By supporting our WEE BOX appeal for 2024, you will be helping our sisters and brothers around the world who continue to struggle with poverty and injustice.



Fundraising Tips

- Set a target you'd like your school to raise - it's a great incentive.
- Make arrangements for handling the donations and have at least two people counting cash together - or ask your pupils to count it with you.
- Remember to send us your donations by paying in your fundraising [here](#).




Events

- Contact local businesses and organisations to ask for raffle prizes. We can provide a letter of authorisation if you need it.
- Ask your class to help put together a budget for the fundraising event. Think about how much you could raise and make a list of costs so you can be sure your event will raise money.
- Remind pupils, staff and parents how the money will help those most in need by showing videos on SCIAF's **YouTube** channel.



Media

- Ask your local newspaper if they'd mention your event or send a photographer on the day.
 - Please mention SCIAF on your social media pages. We'll share and retweet your posts too! @sciaf #WEEBOX
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- Write a blog about your experiences fundraising for SCIAF in school, and we may be able to feature it on our website. Please send it to getinvolved@sciaf.org.uk



Fundraising inspiration

- **SCIAF Café** A coffee morning or café is a simple and fun way to raise funds and get the local community involved. You could run a delivery service to staff and offer a takeaway service for parents.
- **Obstacle course** St Patrick's Primary School in East Ayrshire raised more than £800 by creating a challenging obstacle course for the school to take on. Why not set up a course for students and teachers to try?
- **Talent show** Pupils can show off their musical, dancing or joke telling talents at a school talent show. You could charge a small entry fee to raise funds. Last year, Taylor High School hosted a Masked Singer event with teachers taking part! They raised over £3,000 from their WEE BOX fundraising.

- **Sponsored sports** Set up a football match with teachers and students! Put on snacks and raise money through sport.



- **WEE BOX Fundraising Friday** Choose a theme day for every Friday of Lent. Ask for donations to take part. How about a non-uniform or crazy hair day?



SPONSORSHIP FORM



Name: _____

Event name: _____

I want to raise: £ _____

My reason for taking part is:

To sponsor me, please write your name, address and sponsorship amount below. **Thank you.**

PUT YOUR TAX TO WORK TO HELP PEOPLE FIND A WAY OUT OF POVERTY!

Gift Aid your donation and increase it by 25% at no cost to you.

By signing up to gift aid you agree that: I want all the donations I've made to SCIAF since 6 April 2019 and all donations in the future to qualify for Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise. I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax / or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. *SCIAF will reclaim 25p of tax for every £1 you donate.*

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Your details will be used to process the donation and any gift aid as well as allowing us to evaluate our fundraising appeals overall. SCIAF will keep your details secure and never sell them. So that more money can reach some of the world's poorest communities, SCIAF does not send acknowledgement letters to thank individual sponsors.

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[illegible]**TOTAL amount**

£

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CONGRATULATIONS ON COMPLETING THE BIG LENT WALK!

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Amount Raised:

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