

BESPOKE ENVISION

Envision recognises there are many potential audiences for our activities and we are dedicated to providing all with an experience that matches their individual requirements. We can offer bespoke programmes that are suited to young people of all ages whether in or out of an education setting. Envision has worked in many different environments and we have found our expertise in youth leadership, active citizenship, sustainable development and skill building to be easily transferable to new situations.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We are currently recruiting schools and colleges for the Envision programme.

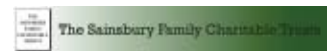
If you would like to find out more about your school or college participating in the programme please contact the Envision Team and visit our website www.envision.org.uk

The programme is free to schools and colleges in the first year of operation. After the first year there is a small subscription fee to participate.

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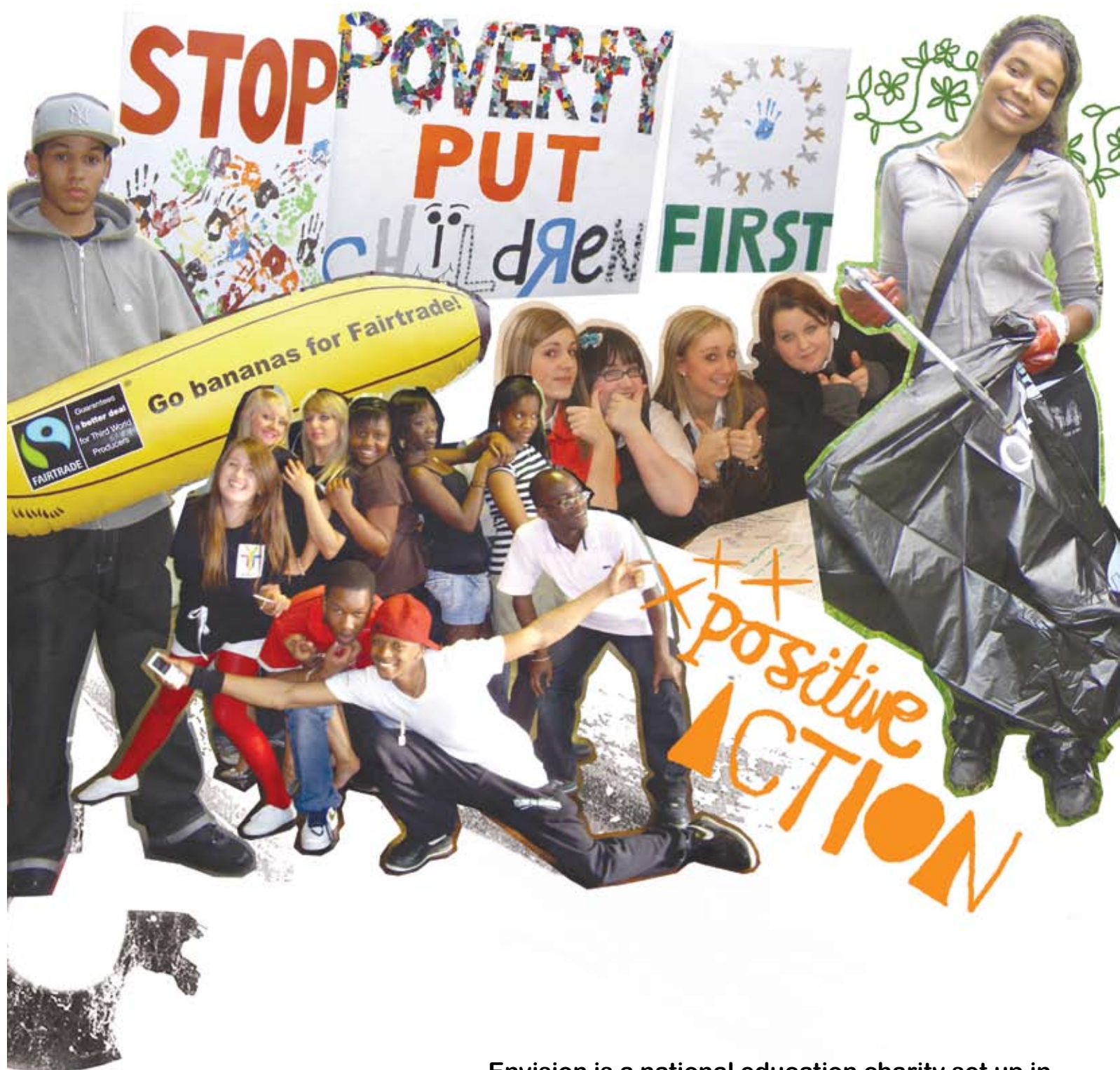
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Envision is a national education charity set up in 2000 to challenge the stereotype of the “youth” as apathetic and disengaged.

Today Envision supports 16-19 year olds from 100 diverse schools and colleges in Birmingham, London and around the country, helping 1,500 every year to design their own community projects tackling issues ranging from street crime to climate change. Our youth-led approach empowers young people, builds confidence and skills and encourages active citizenship.

ENVISION'S POST-16 ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP PROGRAMME

Following an interactive presentation, a group of interested students in a school or college form an Envision team and commit to volunteering their time over the year. With Envision's help, these teams design and implement their own practical projects tackling local or global issues they have chosen.

PROVOKE

What's going on in the world? What do you think about it? An exploration of current understanding of social and environmental issues.

INSPIRE

Explore the power of individuals to make a difference. What impact do certain actions have on our environment and society and how do you persuade people to make sustainable choices?

CREATE

Develop communication and team working skills through working collaboratively on project ideas to tackle local or global issues over the first two terms of the academic year.

On completion, each Envision team member and participating school/college receives an award.

EYES

The entire process is facilitated by weekly hands-on support provided by trained and police-checked Envision adult volunteers who support the students through the process, leaving staff unburdened. Adult volunteers from the local community, known as Envision Youth Educators (EYEs), guide Envision teams, channelling their enthusiasm and helping them turn ideas into action.

WE PROVIDE

- Weekly hands-on support from trained adult volunteers & ongoing support from the Envision Co-ordination team
- Joint team events of educational value for participating students
- Regular updates on the team's progress & two comprehensive reports
- A summer ceremony to recognise students' achievements and present the Envision Award to those who complete the programme.

ALL WE NEED

- A date in September/ October to give a presentation to students
- A teacher who is willing to be a point of contact for the programme

ENTHUSIASM



WEBSITE

Each team is provided with their own webpage where they can document their projects, share good practice and keep up to date with the latest opportunities. The Envision interactive website www.envision.org.uk/teams is a place where students can find project resources, engage with social and environmental issues, promote their actions and use social networking forums positively.



EVENTS

Envision runs an exciting and varied events programme to bring young people together, broaden their knowledge of sustainable development and social justice, build skills and stimulate project ideas. The November event consists of inspiring workshops and gives students the chance to share ideas with other young people on the Envision programme. Over the year we partner with external organisations to hold smaller events such as conservation days, debates or community volunteering. The year rounds off with the summer ceremony where we campaign on a current issue and present teams with their Envision Award Certificates.



ARROW SHOWS POSITION

reduce water usage

Imagine.

be smart award



CASE STUDIES

WATER CONSERVATION

The Envision team at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School in Birmingham participated in the Severn Trent 'Be Smart Award' scheme for schools which enabled students to gain a highly prestigious award for the school. The team audited the schools water usage to determine where, when, why and how much water is used in the school. The team took action by installing water saving hippos and distributing information on saving water. The team ran workshops with pupils to increase their understanding of water issues both locally and globally and share tips on how they could reduce their water footprint.

LOBBYING GOVERNMENT FOR ACTION ON HIV/AIDS

The Envision team at Crossways College in London held MPs to account on their promises to halt the spread of HIV in developing countries. They took part in a day of action to pressure the government to meet its G8 targets of universal access to anti-retroviral drugs by 2010. The team arranged to meet their local MP Joan Ruddock of Lewisham and Deptford and talked to her about the issue. "We learnt a lot and were surprised by how approachable our MP is" said Debbie Sheoyinka, aged 18.

PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

The Envision team at Joseph Chamberlain College in Birmingham held a stall to educate students and teaching staff about climate change. The college building was being redeveloped which provided them with the perfect opportunity to have a real impact on the college's carbon footprint. They researched ways to make the new building more eco-friendly – in terms of energy use and waste management – and asked students to sign a petition. Their ideas were incorporated in the final plan and their campaign proved a great boost to environmental awareness.



WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY...

"Envision was an extremely enriching experience for me. It made me more aware of issues facing young people today and inspired me to attempt to tackle them. I also gained confidence in expressing myself in group discussions"

BEANISH, THE HENRIETTA BARNETT SCHOOL

"A sprinkle of knowledge, a pinch of team work, a portion of persuasion and you get a big fairtrade cake of success"

MILES, HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

"For me, Envision has been a worthwhile experience as I have learnt a lot about myself as a person, what I am capable of achieving and how I can help others."

NATHALIE, ST PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL

WHAT THE TEACHERS SAY...

"We have run the Envision Programme for the last 6 years. It never fails to inspire students to look beyond their own comfort zones towards the wider global community. It helps to engender confidence and team work skills in all who participate."

JUDITH HOFFMAN, ASSISTANT HEAD OF SIXTH FORM, HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

"The Envision Programme helps our students to become better citizens. It helps them to gain first hand experience of some of the problems and issues in their immediate area and then encourages and empowers them to do something positive to help. Envision provides excellent support, guidance and feedback throughout"

JONATHAN WALLIS, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, WILLIAM MORRIS SIXTH FORM

"Raising awareness is one thing, but Envision encourages students to take action. Young people do care and can make a difference. This is real citizenship."

PHIL TUCK, HEAD OF 6TH FORM, KING EDWARD VI ASTON SCHOOL



OUR CREDENTIALS



Expertise in Active Citizenship

Citizenship education has been found to be most effective when it is relevant, interactive, collaborative and participative. With greater emphasis in the new Key Stage 4 Citizenship curriculum on taking collective action, participating in both school and community-based activities and working with community partners we feel that our experience of supporting young people to take positive action in their communities has never been more relevant than now.

Envision is in a strong position to support those who are currently getting to grips with the revised AS level specification and full A-level in Citizenship Studies. There is a clear emphasis on the importance of active citizenship and participation in these new specifications.

We work with several schools/colleges running the IB programme as the Envision Programme meets the requirements of a CAS project (Creativity, Action, Service)

"The IB requires students to collect hours in the areas of Creativity, Action and Service and the Envision project enables them to do all three. I would thoroughly recommend Envision as a way of inspiring, guiding and supporting IB students to achieve meaningful CAS outcomes."
VERONICA LLOYD-RICHARDS,
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL,
WESTMINSTER ACADEMY

Students could also use the Envision Programme as a focus for their Extended Project. This has been offered since September 2008 as a stand-alone, level 3 qualification for A-Level students and as a compulsory qualification for an Advanced Diploma.

We have 5 years experience of delivering workshops at higher education institutions for PGCE Citizenship courses focusing on active citizenship and community involvement. We offer schools and colleges INSET on citizenship for staff who would like support and advice around incorporating a more active dimension to the subject. We can help staff understand the Government's National Framework for Sustainable Schools and the duty to promote community cohesion now inspected by Ofsted.

LSN Citizenship Champion

Envision is proud to be selected by the Learning and Skills Network as a Citizenship Education Champion.

Guardian Charity Awards 2008

Envision won this award for a small charity demonstrating innovation and excellence in its community reach.

GoldStar Exemplar Project

Envision has been recognised by the Office of the Third Sector and the Cabinet Office as a best practice for engaging, recruiting, training and supporting young people.

Young People Evaluations

Our annual evaluations show that 100% of participants would recommend Envision to a peer. 97% said that Envision has increased their awareness of social issues; 96% said that Envision had improved their awareness of environmental issues; 90% indicated a positive impact on their leadership skills while 92% noted that Envision had a positive impact on their confidence.

National Lottery Awards

Envision is proud to be one of the top three in the 2008 National Lottery Awards – Best Education Project.

New Philanthropy Capital

We are delighted to have been recommended by New Philanthropy Capital as one of just six charities that can even out the inequalities facing disadvantaged young people.

