

## How to build a better world post-pandemic

**Saturday 14 November 2020 11am to 4.30pm**

CAFOD's campaigners will lead discussions on how we can work towards building a better world from the crisis, and how through campaigning with CAFOD you can help turn Pope Francis' most recent messages into a reality.



As the world looks at ways to recover from the coronavirus pandemic, we must ensure that the recovery tackles poverty, inequality, environmental degradation and the climate emergency.

*Fratelli Tutti* praises the togetherness shown by society during the Coronavirus crisis. But the Pope warns of a fragmented global response, arguing that politics should be "re-evaluated" to focus on serving the common good, not economic interests.



To help us reflect on this, we'll have guest speakers, including practical theologian Sam Ewell (left) as well as climate campaigners from across the world. CAFOD's campaigners will lead discussions on how we can work towards building a better world from the crisis.

This event is open to everyone – new and experienced campaigners alike – so do join us and let anyone else know who might be interested. We look forward to seeing you there, even if you can't come for the whole day. **Book your place at [cafod.org.uk/betterworld](https://cafod.org.uk/betterworld)**

## Sign our petition to end UK support for fossil fuels overseas

We are living in a climate emergency. World leaders must take urgent action to limit the rise of global temperatures. Yet the UK government is continuing to support the economic interests of the fossil fuel industry instead.

It is vital to demand that the Prime Minister show true global leadership by ending all UK support for fossil fuels overseas and to shift support to renewable energy.

**We need as many people as possible to sign this petition at [cafod.org.uk/climate](https://cafod.org.uk/climate)**

## Cancel the Debt photo petition handed into the Treasury



Campaigners from CAFOD, Christian Aid, Global Justice Now, Jubilee Debt Campaign and Oxfam visited the Treasury to hand in our photo petition, calling for Chancellor Rishi Sunak to cancel all debts owed by developing countries, in light of the disastrous impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Thank you for getting involved in our Cancel the Debt campaign this year, whether you signed our petition, got creative for our photo petition or wrote to your MP.

See the video of our photo petition, and an update on what was agreed at the G20 Finance Ministers, World Bank and IMF meetings in October, at [cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt](https://cafod.org.uk/cancelthedebt)

### CAFOD Campaigns Update – October 2020

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# Send a message to the brave this Advent

All around the world, brave men and women are fighting for justice and freedom, and many are losing their lives in the process. They are taking on powerful interests in an attempt to protect local communities. Sometimes this means receiving death threats for opposing illegal logging in the Amazon or facing harassment and violence for advocating women's rights.

This Advent, will you make a gesture of solidarity and send a card to one of our featured Defenders? Could you encourage a couple of other people to write a card, too?

You could send a card to Maisoon Badawi, a Palestinian citizen of Israel, who works for Yesh Din, the Israeli human rights organisation. She works tirelessly to help Palestinian victims of human rights violations as they fight for their rights. Read about other Defenders at [cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave](https://cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave)

Over 1000 cards were written last year and your messages provided comfort and encouragement to people who can feel very alone. Last year Honourable Albert Lokoru Kiyonga from Uganda said, "We are very grateful for your support, your kind messages and cards...it is good to know we are supported by you all in our work. God bless you all."



Please send cards by **Monday 7th December** to: Campaigns Team, CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. We need to ensure that they are packaged up and posted to reach the Defenders **by Christmas**. Or, you can send a message online at [cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave](https://cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave)

## Have you got...

### » 2 minutes?

Sign our petition to the government calling for them to stop funding fossil fuels overseas and support renewable energy instead  
[cafod.org.uk/climate](https://cafod.org.uk/climate)

### » 7 minutes?

Send a message to someone brave this Advent, as a card or an online message  
[cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave](https://cafod.org.uk/messagetobrave)

### » 10 minutes?

Invite 3 friends to join our campaigners' conference on Saturday 14 November  
[cafod.org.uk/betterworld](https://cafod.org.uk/betterworld)



## Meet Andrea...

**Andrea Speranza is our new Campaigns Engagement Manager. She tells us how her path in life led to CAFOD.**

My activism has always been inspired by my faith. I grew up in Latin America under oppressive regimes where many Catholic priests and nuns were persecuted and tortured simply for standing up for Christian values.

These experiences led me to get involved in social and environmental campaigns at a very early stage of my life.

Participating in creating a society that embraces an ethic of solidarity and cooperation - as Pope Francis talks about in *Fratelli Tutti* - was not going to be easy. But it was definitely going to be worth it!

I then worked on campaigns and projects at local, national, and international levels until landing in Britain 12 years ago. Here in the UK I have worked for several charities, campaigning on a variety of climate change-related issues.

I joined CAFOD this month and couldn't be more excited about campaigning with the Catholic community. 2021 will be a key year for ensuring a green and fair global recovery from the pandemic, and I look forward to campaigning alongside parishes across the country.

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