

# The eyes of the world are on us.

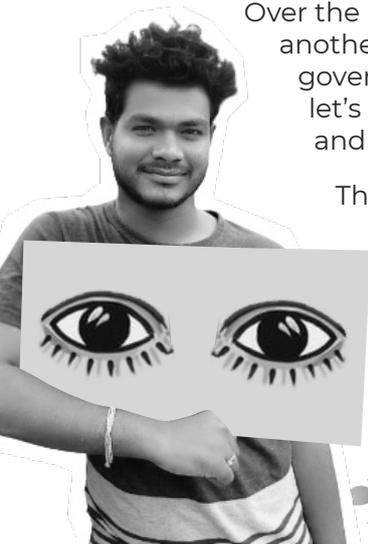
“Climate change is a problem which can no longer be left to a future generation.” **POPE FRANCIS**

## Schools guide to the climate crisis campaign

The world we live in is changing. The climate is in crisis and it affects us all. But it is the poorest communities who are suffering the most.

Over the past year, we have seen how important it is to look after one another. The coronavirus crisis has shown that change is possible and that governments can make rapid decisions when they choose to do so. Now, let's come together to care for the world which is crying out for our help and tackle the climate emergency with even more urgency.

The eyes of the world are on us this year, as Britain hosts world leaders for the United Nation's climate change talks – COP26. It is vital that we raise our voices and ensure the Government uses this historic moment to build a more sustainable world.



## Why is 2021 important?

2021 is a crucial year for action on the climate crisis. The UK is hosting the world leaders at the UN COP26 climate conference in November, and the eyes of the world will be on us to lead the way in combatting the climate emergency.

This year we are asking the UK Government to make sure that people and planet are at the heart of all the decisions they make. As UK citizens, we can influence the decisions our government makes.

As Pope Francis says in *Laudato Si'*, the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor are one. We must stand together with those who are being affected by the climate emergency around the world, so that world leaders cannot ignore our united voices.

## What is COP26?

The UN holds a climate conference (COP) each year in different countries around the world, where world leaders gather to talk about climate change. This is the 26th year of the conference.

Find out more about COP26: watch our explainer film [cafod.org.uk/schools](https://cafod.org.uk/schools)

## Getting involved is easy:

### 1. WATCH OUR FILM

Visit [cafod.org.uk/schools](https://cafod.org.uk/schools) to find out more about COP26 and why 2021 is so important!

### 2. MEET OUR GLOBAL NEIGHBOURS

Find out what life is like for people who are already being affected by climate change around the world. Use the experiential activity, our workshop plan and slides to help students understand why they need to take action.

### 3. TAKE ACTION

**Let the Government know that we are watching them to ensure the world's poorest communities are at the heart of their decisions this year. Share a picture of your eyes and tell us how many of you are watching.**



## There are many ways to join the eyes of the world action:

- Create a vision of a fairer world on the eye template at [cafod.org.uk/schools](http://cafod.org.uk/schools).
- Take a photo of your own eyes.
- Get creative! Eye make-up, photo editing, painting or something of your own choosing.
- You could work with your art department to inspire young people doing art activism!

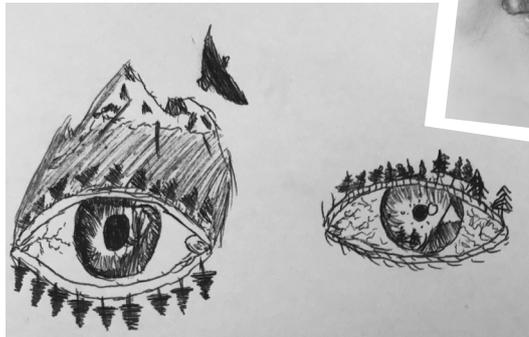
## 4. JOIN WITH OTHER SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Fill in the attached return form to tell us how many students have taken action and send it back to CAFOD or fill it out online at [cafod.org.uk/schools](http://cafod.org.uk/schools).

Tell us you've taken part so we can show the Prime Minister that thousands of young people want the UK to lead the way at COP26 on stopping the climate crisis and building a fairer world.

Share the message with the whole community through school assemblies, newsletters to families and social media, inviting them to get involved.

**Remember to tag @CAFODSchools.**



Encourage your students to follow the news to see what is happening this year.



# Tell us about your Eyes of the World action

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Thank you for taking part in CAFOD's *Eyes of the World* campaign.

Please complete and return this form to us, or complete it online, to tell us how many people created eyes to show they are watching the UK Government, and calling on them to stop the climate crisis and keep the world's poorest communities at the heart of decisions this year.

**Please return this form to: Freepost CAFOD**

## Your school details

Total number of actions \_\_\_\_\_ Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

## Share your pictures!

We would love to see photographs of your group's activities and eye artwork.

Please tag **@CAFODSchools** and **#EyesOfTheWorld** in your photographs on social media.

## Would you like to stay in touch?

If you'd like to hear more about our education work, campaigns, appeals and simple ways you can support people living in poverty, fill in your details and we'll send you a monthly email. You can change your communication preferences at any time by contacting us at [cafod@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cafod@cafod.org.uk) or 0303 303 3030. CAFOD will never share your details for marketing. For details, see [cafod.org.uk/privacy](http://cafod.org.uk/privacy)

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