

STOP CLIMATE CHAOS!



AIM

to highlight how young people can take action in solidarity with the Developing World to tackle climate change

AGE

11 years and older

TIME

45 minutes

MATERIALS

Balloons, set of statements, paper/old sheets, art materials, markers

WHAT TO DO

Before the activity, insert a statement in each balloon and inflate them. Make sure you have one balloon per participant. Form two teams who line up, one person behind the other. Place a chair behind each team. The balloons are placed in two piles at the head of the lines. On your signal the teams begin passing the balloons backwards over their heads to the end of the line. The last person has to sit on the balloon until it bursts. S/he collects the statement and runs to the front of the line. Keep playing until all the balloons are burst.

In the large group, ask each person to read out their statement. Some of the statements will be repeated. Ask if people are surprised by the statements. Is this situation fair? Who is contributing most to climate change? Who is contributing least? Where are the effects being felt?

Ask who has the power to tackle climate change. Hand out large sheets of paper (or sections of an old sheet) and art materials. Form small groups and ask them to design a banner to show solidarity with people affected by climate change. Include messages or images you would like to share with people who have the power to tackle climate change.

ACTION

Stop Climate Chaos is a coalition of youth, community, development, environmental and faith organisations campaigning to ensure Ireland plays its part in preventing runaway climate change. For information on what you can do to take personal and political action to tackle climate change, visit www.stopclimatechaos.ie.

On 8 December 2007, Stop Climate Chaos is calling on groups all over Ireland to gather together to demand that World Leaders, who are meeting in Bali in Indonesia for Climate Talks, take urgent action on climate change. For further information, visit www.stopclimatechaos.ie

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ACTIVITY

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STATEMENTS

Climate change is leading to an increase in extreme weather events such as hurricanes, floods and tornados while rains are failing in many countries leading to drought

“This drought has been very bad. Past droughts have been short and rains have come. This one never seems to finish and our goats and cattle are not multiplying... It will take a very long time for us to get back all of our animals” (Anna Nongolol, Turkana, Kenya)

Climate change will place an additional 80-120 million people at risk of hunger, three quarters of these in Africa

The world’s poorest countries have done the least to cause climate change but they are being hit first and hardest by its impacts and are least able to adapt.

In Bangladesh, tens of millions of people could lose their homes and livelihoods to flooding from sea-level rises and storm surges.

Ireland is the sixth most generous aid donor per person and the fifth most climate polluting country per person

Ireland emitted 100 times more carbon per person than Ethiopia, Mozambique, Uganda and Tanzania – all priority countries for Irish aid