

# JUST LIVING?

## A CHRISTIAN AID GCSE RELIGIOUS STUDIES RESOURCE TEACHERS' INTRODUCTION AND GUIDE

### AIMS

The main aims of this resource are:

- to support elements of GCSE Religious Studies relating to morality, ethics, community, Jesus' teaching, etc
- to undertake an in-depth study of Christian values in response to global poverty and justice
- to look at the work of a Christian charity
- to encourage and enable students to think critically about the meaning of poverty and its causes
- to learn about emergency and long-term aid.

Just Living? is divided into four units to support the relevant elements of GCSE Religious Studies. Each unit comprises teachers' notes and lesson plans, film clips,

resource sheets, photos to download (for own projects) and some units include slide presentations. These are all clearly marked on the Just Living? section of Learn, Christian Aid's website for teachers ([christianaid.org.uk/learn](http://christianaid.org.uk/learn)). Optional hyperlinks, within the slide presentations, link to film clips stored on YouTube. Please ensure you are able to connect to YouTube if you intend to show these. Photos are all stored within Flickr.

This resource is intended to be flexible, to suit the needs of the individual group. We suggest that you start a unit using the introductory activity, which will provide the basic necessary information and concepts. Additional activities within each unit can then be selected to support the requirements of your exam board. Timings are not given with activities as they can be modified to fit the time available. Some have optional extension activities.

For a comprehensive breakdown of elements covered by each exam board, and for which unit supports each element, please see the Exam board requirements document.

### Description of units

#### Unit one:

Why should Christians help the poor? An examination of teachings in the Bible that inspire believers to help the disadvantaged. (Are Christians **just living** or living with a purpose?)

#### Unit two:

What is Christian Aid? The work of a Christian organisation striving for social justice. (Working for **just living**.)

#### Unit three:

What is poverty? Examining what poverty is and what causes it. (Only **just living**?)

#### Unit four:

Emergency and long-term aid. Examples of aid with which Christian Aid is involved, including disaster preparedness and sustainable development. (Helping people to be more than **just living**.)

### Accompanying resources

- Resource sheets 1–7
- Films 1, 2
- Photos 1-4

- Resource sheets 8, 9
- Presentation 1
- Films 3, 4
- Photos 1-8 and others for pupils' use

- Resource sheets 10–13
- Films 5–7

- Resource sheets 14–19
- Presentation 2
- Films 8–12
- Photos 17-34

For further information about Christian Aid and the projects it works on, go to [christianaid.org.uk](http://christianaid.org.uk)

For more lesson plans, assemblies and other school-based activities, look at [christianaid.org.uk/learn](http://christianaid.org.uk/learn)

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We would appreciate any feedback on this resource. Please email [schools@christian-aid.org](mailto:schools@christian-aid.org) with your comments. Thank you!

### Just Living? also supports the following curriculum areas:

#### Citizenship

Justice  
Rights and responsibilities  
Interconnections within the wider world  
Need for mutual respect and understanding  
Work of community-based voluntary groups  
Challenges facing the global community  
Topical and controversial issues  
Different beliefs and values  
Positive action  
Impact of students' actions on wider world

#### Geography

Geographical enquiry  
Sustainable development  
Climate change  
Natural disasters  
Interdependence  
Development  
Quality of life  
Values and attitudes  
Economic life in a developing country

#### Skills

Enquiry skills of:  
Investigation  
Interpretation  
Reflection  
Analysis  
Critical evaluation  
Decision-making  
Empathy

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