

**ACTION PACK
FOR SCHOOLS**



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Raise your voice
for the forgotten victims
of conflict

1-10 December 2017

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What's in this pack?

Inside this Action Pack you'll find out how your school can take action this December to support the forgotten victims of conflict.

You could engage your students in exploring the impact of conflict on young people worldwide using our free teaching materials. There are suggestions for getting your class, year group or the whole school involved.

The pack also has exciting fundraising ideas so you can support efforts to clear unexploded weapons, provide rehabilitation to the victims, and prevent more accidents.

And you'll learn how your students could get involved with campaigning to protect civilians and ensure that the victims of conflict are not forgotten.

Simply return the order form enclosed and we will send you free teaching resources and all the materials you need for a fantastic event in your school!

Explosive weapons

Explosive weapons destroy lives - they cause serious injuries and amputations, leading to severe disabilities and psychological trauma.

Over **45,000** people were killed or injured by explosive weapons in 2016 and the number of civilians killed has nearly doubled since 2011. When they are used in populated areas **92%** of the victims are civilians.



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Your students can make a real difference

Spinal injuries and amputations are just some of the awful injuries seen by Handicap International's rehabilitation teams in the city of Mosul, Iraq.

At Qayyarah Hospital in Mosul, Iraq, one-year-old Ali, receives regular visits from our physiotherapist Khaled. Ali has a broken leg, but it is what he has been through that is so difficult to comprehend. A few months earlier Ali and his family were at home when armed men forced them to join their neighbours at a school – they were being used as human shields! When a bomb fell on the school Ali's leg was broken and tragically his parents were killed.

As well as physiotherapy sessions in the hospital we have been teaching Ali's aunt exercises to help facilitate her nephew's recovery at home. She says:

"My only wish for him is to be happy. When he is old enough, I will tell him what happened to his parents. I want everyone to know their story."

Tragically stories like Ali's are far too common. Barely a week goes by without new reports of hospitals, schools and homes being hit during air strikes in countries like Syria and Yemen.

The Forgotten 10 Challenge is a unique chance to support children like Ali, who may otherwise be forgotten. Please join us today to make a difference!



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**RAISE
AWARENESS IN
YOUR SCHOOL**

**RAISE FUNDS
TO SAVE LIVES
AND LIMBS**

**SUPPORT THE
'STOP BOMBING
CIVILIANS'
PETITION**

**SPREAD
THE WORD**

Join us for 10 days of action from 1st to 10th December 2017.

Every student taking part, every pound raised, and every petition signed makes a difference to the victims of conflict in countries like Syria, Iraq, Laos and Yemen.

Turn the page to find out more!

Raise awareness in your school

Support your students to explore the impact of conflict and apply what they've learnt by raising awareness in the wider school. Here are some ideas to inspire them using our free resources:

LESSONS ON LANDMINES

Why not engage your students with lessons based around our PowerPoint presentation or use the factsheets and quiz in our campaign kit to explore the topic in more depth.

The films in our YouTube playlist (<http://bit.ly/HIUK-SchoolsPlaylist>) are a great complement to classroom activities.

You could also encourage other teachers to introduce the topic. Pass this pack on to your PSHE or Citizenship co-ordinator and ask how they could support your efforts.

STUDENT-LED ASSEMBLY

Once your class understands the issues, challenge them to organise an assembly. You could use our PowerPoints which contain key information, outline a day in the life of a deminer, and present stories of survivors from around the world.

Your assembly could start with a powerful short film from our DVD or YouTube playlist or a selection of photos on our Flickr account: <http://bit.ly/HI-Flickr>

Continue with a sense of drama, speaking from the perspective of a survivor, telling the story of their journey to school and the moment their life was changed forever. They could present statistics and explain the impact that explosive weapons are having on civilians today.

Mention that their actions are part of a global campaign and invite other students to learn more by joining your class at a special event



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later on. This is the perfect opportunity to use our 'Syria's Young Survivors' posters and ask students and teachers to sign the petition (p.6).

SYRIA'S YOUNG SURVIVORS

Our set of posters, 'Syria's Young Survivors', tells the stories of four young Syrians whose lives have been changed forever by the conflict. The posters are accompanied by a booklet with ideas for using the stories as a stimulus for learning. This is a great way to engage your students with the experiences of young victims of conflict and an opportunity for them to show their support.

You could use this resource to run in-depth activities with one class or year group, and then invite the whole school to come and find out more. Your students could host an exhibition, guiding their peers and encouraging them to take action. Challenge your students to think up their own campaigning ideas!

CELEBRATE AN INTERNATIONAL DAY

The **3rd December** is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. It's also the anniversaries of the signing of the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty and the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. And **10th December** is International Human Rights Day!

Every school taking part can order free resources to catch the attention of the whole school.

PYRAMID OF SHOES

If you would like to make an even bigger impact, why not challenge your students to build a Pyramid of Shoes!

Shoes can be a powerful symbol of the lives and limbs lost to landmines and other explosive weapons. By building an eye-catching Pyramid of Shoes you could raise awareness in the whole school.

You could also make your own display to go alongside your Pyramid using our 'Syria's Young Survivors' posters. Hold a stall nearby and challenge students and teachers to test themselves with the quiz and sign the petition.



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For more information on this eye-catching activity, please request our special Pyramid of Shoes pack using the enclosed order form.

Raise funds to save lives and limbs

Why not challenge your school to raise as much money as you can to support communities affected by conflict?

£30 could provide an artificial leg to a child amputee. Raising **£150** could help five amputees walk again!

£280 could provide children with life-saving education on the risks from unexploded weapons.

£500 could help our deminers like Marta (right) clear 1500m² of land - larger than an Olympic swimming pool!

FUNDRAISING IDEAS

There are so many possibilities - your students could have a 'Tea at 10' bake sale at morning break, or hold a non-uniform day with an assembly using our resources. Or you could organise a school sponsored walk in support of amputees!

If your school is having a Christmas concert, your students could set up a stall or have a raffle, or organise a special performance (busking, carol singing) to raise funds.

We've enclosed details of our Demining Mapathon Challenge and Blind Football Tournament events too.

If you're thinking of organising a fundraising event we would love to hear from you. You can call 0870 774 3737 or email schools@hi-uk.org



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Marta: Head of HI's demining operations in Colombia

Marta (right) has never forgotten a lucky escape she had when she was a teenager.

"When I was 14 I stumbled on a mine as I was walking through my village. It was damp so it didn't go off. I saw people maimed by mines when I was growing up. I saw children die for a war that wasn't theirs.

Like many people, violence had a big impact on us. And now I'm a mine clearance expert. I really love my work. I can't tell you how great it feels when I finish clearing a mined area."

Petition: Stop bombing civilians



This year, we're taking our cause to the next level as we campaign to protect more civilians from explosive weapons. We're aiming to collect **one million signatures worldwide by the end of 2018.**

Recent years have seen the nature of war change with devastating consequences. The places where people live, work and learn have become new frontlines. Tragically **bombings kill 32 civilians every single day** on average.

Urgent action is needed to better protect civilians. The UK needs to acknowledge the impact of explosive weapons on civilians. We're calling on the government to publicly commit to ending the use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas. The UN Secretary General has called for urgent action and now is the time to act.

HOW TO TAKE ACTION

Let us know you will support the petition by returning the order form enclosed. You will receive a Campaign Kit containing petition sheets and more information about the petition.

Please return your collected signatures by **22nd January 2018** to:

Forgotten 10 Challenge
Handicap International UK
9 Rushworth Street, London SE1 0RB

Spread the word

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MEDIA

Thousands of people are killed by explosive weapons every year even though in many cases their use in populated areas violates International Humanitarian Law.

You could challenge students to send a letter to their local newspaper, radio or TV station, explaining why they are taking action to raise awareness about the impact of explosive weapons on children. Or you could ask students to write an article for the school newsletter to tell parents about their activities.

Once you tell us about your plans, we will send you a media pack with a template press release, key statistics, and information about how we could help your students contact journalists in your local area.

SHARE AND CELEBRATE

This term, students across the UK will be organising fantastic events, and we are keen to celebrate their inspiring efforts.

Please send your stories and photos of your activities to schools@hi-uk.org. We will share your achievements with fellow schools in the UK as well as campaigners and survivors around the world! You could also share your activities in your school newsletter or website.

Remember, you can keep up with the news from this year's campaign on social media at:



facebook.com/HandicapInternationalUK
and



twitter.com/hi_uk

5 simple steps to get involved

2017 will be the biggest Forgotten 10 Challenge yet. It will be led by students in schools like yours around the UK.

There are **5 simple steps** to get involved:

- 1** Read through this pack and decide how you and your students would like to take action. Choose the best day between 1st and 10th December for your activities, and decide how to get other students and teachers involved in learning, raising funds and supporting this year's petition.
- 2** Return the order form to let us know your plans and request free resources for your activities. Please make sure that we receive your order as soon as possible, and at least two weeks before your event!
- 3** We will send out your free resources in good time for your event. You will also receive our media pack, along with regular email updates to help you prepare.
- 4** Spread the word ahead of your activities. Challenge your students to contact the local press and make a big impact by involving the whole school.
- 5** Create a lasting record of your activities by taking lots of photos on the day and collecting feedback from students and teachers. Share your photos, tell us your stories and complete our short survey so that we can celebrate your achievements. We want to tell the world about your hard work!

RAISING OUR VOICES TOGETHER



Last year, students from schools across the country took up the Forgotten 10 Challenge in support of the victims of conflict.

We're very lucky to work with such engaged students and teachers. We'd love to support more young people to take action this year!

"I am extremely passionate about global issues. This is an issue that is not well known but it a strong killer. As a school we are doing everything we can to raise awareness."
Shelby, a Year 9 student at Hollingworth Academy, writing to her local MP.

The Forgotten 10 Challenge is a great way to give your students a powerful insight into important global issues. We will provide free teaching resources and ideas for activities, share your students' efforts online, and could even help you contact your local media.

Let's raise our voices and take up the Challenge together!

Start planning your activities today - sign up to take part using the order form enclosed.

Take up the Challenge!



10 days of action: 1-10 December 2017

Explore the impact of conflict on children worldwide and raise awareness and funds in support of the forgotten victims.



Salam, 7, was playing near her family close to their home in Syria when her brother picked up a strange object - tragically it was an unexploded bomb. The blast left Salam with injuries so severe that surgeons had to amputate her leg.

Our team have fitted Salam with a prosthesis and we continue to provide her with physiotherapy.

Family friend, Ali, says of Salam: *"I couldn't understand how an innocent child could lose a leg in a war she didn't even understand..."*

Many victims of conflict like Salam, are forgotten and struggle to access support.

Please join us and take up the Challenge!

WE REPAIR LIVES

Co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Handicap International is an independent charity working in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster.

Our activities include clearing landmines and unexploded weapons, preventing accidents through risk education, fitting artificial limbs, providing rehabilitation, and supporting survivors to campaign for their rights. Since Handicap International's creation in 1982, our work has benefited millions of disabled and vulnerable people worldwide.

Handicap International is a founding member of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, the Cluster Munition Coalition and the International Network on Explosive Weapons.

56 countries

35 years of humanitarian action

599,000 people benefited from our mine action projects in 2016

337 projects

Contact us for support and information

Tel: 0870 774 3737 Email: schools@hi-uk.org

www.handicap-international.org.uk/forgotten10

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Schools Order Form

Below is a list of free resources that you can order to support your activities. Simply fill in the form and send it back to us.



1 Order your free resources

Item	Description	Your order
Posters: Syria's Young Survivors	A set of posters telling the stories of four young Syrians who have had their lives changed forever by conflict. The posters make a great display and come with an activity booklet with ideas for using the stories as a stimulus for classroom work.	No. of poster sets: _____ (Each set includes four posters, A2 size)
Campaign Kit An all-in-one kit containing a range of materials to raise awareness in your school. 	Each kit contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition sheets (can be photocopied) • 5 'weapons' factsheets • 4 small posters (A3) for a stall • 2 'No More Victims' t-shirts • Balloons, stickers and pens. • 5 sets of 10 postcards • 2 collecting boxes & donation forms 	One Campaign Kit <input type="checkbox"/> Extra items required (if any):
Film collection: No More Victims	A DVD containing short films about landmines and cluster bombs and the civilian victims of conflict.	No. of DVDs: _____
PowerPoint presentations Perfect for creating an assembly.	Slideshows contain key information about the issue, outline a day in the life of a deminer, and tell stories of survivors.	PowerPoint files (2.7MB sent by email) <input type="checkbox"/>
Pyramid of Shoes pack	Instructions on how to build your own Pyramid of Shoes, from a small 'mini-Pyramid' to a large-scale event.	PDF file (3.6 MB sent by email) <input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibition for schools: 'Dare You Walk the Path?'	This engaging exhibition about the impact of landmines and cluster bombs on communities worldwide is available for use in schools by special request.	12 panels, A1 or A3 size.
Interactive DVD: Landmines and cluster bombs A teaching DVD for use with 11-16 year-olds.	A fun interactive teaching DVD full of facts, photos, survivor stories and film clips on landmines and cluster bombs. For use in PC computers. Comes with instruction booklet.	To request either the exhibition or interactive DVD please email schools@hi-uk.org or call 0870 774 3737

2 Tell us your plans

We are: ☐ Learning about the issues ☐ Fundraising to save lives and limbs
☐ Supporting the petition ☐ Contacting the local press

Name of school	
Dates of activities	
Time spent on activities	
Type of activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Classroom lessons <input type="checkbox"/> Assembly <input type="checkbox"/> Whole school event <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
More details of activities	
Expected no. of participants	

3 Provide your contact details

Your resources will be sent out to the address specified below.

First name		Surname	
Position in school			
Address and postcode			
	Yes, I would like to receive updates by post <input type="checkbox"/>		
Telephone	Yes, I would like to receive updates by phone <input type="checkbox"/>		
Email	Yes, I would like to receive updates by email <input type="checkbox"/>		

We ask for contact details so that we can send your resources to you and support your activities. If you would like to receive updates from us please tick the boxes above. Thank you.

Please return this form at least two weeks before your event.

By post: Forgotten 10 Challenge
 Handicap International UK
 9 Rushworth Street,
 London, SE1 0RB

By email: schools@hi-uk.org

By phone: 0870 774 3737

THANK YOU!

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Raise funds to save lives and limbs

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£30

Could provide an artificial limb to an innocent victim like Sayed.

Sayed, 6, lost his left leg when the bus he was travelling on in Afghanistan hit an improvised mine. Thanks to supporters like you, our team fitted Sayed with an artificial leg and he is now learning to walk again. But many more amputees are still waiting for the support they need.

£150 could help five amputees like Sayed walk again!



Sayed at a Handicap International rehabilitation centre.

£280

Could provide children with life-saving education on the risks from unexploded weapons.

Our teams visit schools, hospitals, and community centres to educate families about the danger from landmines and unexploded weapons. Children are especially at risk and we work to ensure they know what to do if they find a suspicious-looking object.



Children learning about the risks from weapons, Senegal.

£500

Could help our deminers save lives and limbs by clearing 1,500 m² of land - larger than an Olympic swimming pool.

Every year, thousands of people are killed or maimed by a landmine or cluster bomb. Our courageous deminers clear contaminated land in countries such as Lebanon and Laos, allowing children to play without the fear of an accident and communities to farm their land once more.



A Handicap International deminer in Laos.

Where your money goes

The money raised during the Forgotten 10 Challenge will support our mine action and rehabilitation projects in countries such as Syria, Jordan, Laos and Yemen.



THANK YOU!

Schools donation form

Millions of people worldwide are living with the threat of landmines and unexploded weapons. Every day more innocent civilians are killed or injured. You can help us change this now.



☒ **Yes, we want to help save lives and limbs.**

Please find enclosed our gift of £ _____

Title _____ First name _____ Surname _____

Name of club/group _____

Home address _____

Postcode _____ Tel _____

☐ **Yes**, I would like to receive updates by post

☐ **Yes**, I would like to receive updates by phone

☐ **Yes**, I would like to receive updates by email. My email address is:

☐ I enclose a cheque / postal order / CAF voucher (made payable to Handicap International UK)

☐ Please debit my: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Maestro ☐ CAF card

Card Number:

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Valid from: Expiry date: Security code: Issue number (Maestro only):

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Comments or information about your fundraising activities:

Thank you for your generosity!

Please return your form to us at:

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