

## World Thinking Day Sampler

February 22 2012 is World Thinking Day! This year Girl Guides and Girl Scouts are being asked to raise awareness of global climate change. WAGGGS has produced an activity pack with some ideas to help you and your Units bring climate change awareness to your communities.

This year's Activity pack has four sections – Reduce the use of fossil fuels, Save resources in and around your home, Switch to sustainable energy solutions, and Speak Out to make a difference.

See the entire activity pack here:

<http://www.worldthinkingday.org/en/grab/22460/1/2012-wtd-activity-pack-cover-eng-web.pdf>

### Section One – Reduce Fossil Fuels

- See how many low fossil fuel transport ideas you can think of. Whether walking, running, hopping or dancing your feet are your best friend, but there's also bikes, rollerskates, surf boards, pedal carts, paragliding, wheelbarrows...can you think of more? Use them to draw attention to your message about reducing fossil fuel use.
- Stay Home and see the world! Travelling by plane uses a lot more fossil fuels than other forms of transport, but that doesn't mean you can't explore the world. With Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in 145 countries, try one of these new ways to learn about their lives. Pick one of the 145 countries where Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting goes on and put together an imagined travel diary of your perfect trip – one that doesn't rely on fossil fuel
- Celebrate Organize a **local food picnic** to celebrate World Thinking Day, where everyone brings a dish of locally sourced food to share

### Section Two – SAVE resources

- Design a poster giving your top ten tips for saving electricity then spread the word! Display it everywhere you can; in your meeting place, your school or email it to your friends and family.
- Design and make "switch me off" notes to display next to taps, light switches and plug sockets at home, school and your meeting place.
- Learn how to recycle old clothes – simple sewing techniques can update your clothes and make them feel new again, without putting any extra strain on the planet. Ask someone in the local community who can teach you basic sewing skills, then teach your friends by having a clothes recycling corner at your swapping party
- Design and create an eye-catching display, using recycled materials, to show your findings and display it in the local community. You could also take photos of the gold stars and bad spots and turn them into a photo exhibition to raise awareness of the issues.

### **Section 3 Switch to sustainable resources**

- Save some examples of packaging and bring to your group meeting. Examine the packaging and discuss with your group what are the most energy intensive types of packaging to produce, what alternatives could be used and think of actions you could take to encourage retailers to reduce the packaging of their products.
- Hold a Green Inventor Challenge Can you invent something that could change the world? Set up an invention competition for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in your area. Invite the Girl Guides/Girl Scouts to form small teams and come up with a new invention based on sustainable energy solutions, or an idea for making the world a bit greener. Organize a panel of judges and hold a competition evening when each team can pitch their ideas.
- Design a poster to promote switching to energy saving light bulbs and display in your meeting place and local community. Email your poster design to your friends to encourage them to start using energy-saving light bulbs too.

### **Section 4 Speak Out**

- Prepare a play that communicates your demands and share it with children from your school or local community. Educate them about the power of speaking out and see if they agree with the demands. Use education to attract as many supporters for your demands as possible.
- Speaking Practice: Divide the group into smaller groups of three. Within the three, choose a Speaker, a Listener and an Observer. Ask the speaker to discuss a topic related to the environment. Ask the listener to respond with open questions (beginning with when/where/how/who/what) rather than closed questions (which require a yes/no answer).After three minutes, ask the Observer to give constructive feedback about the Speaker's performance and the quality of the Listener's questions. Rotate the roles.
- Stamp your feet (for younger members) Draw round your feet and cut them out. Write in the middle of your left foot one way you will reduce your environmental 'footprint'. On your right foot, write one thing you want decision-makers to change to make the world a better place. Decorate the footprints and display them at your meeting place. Invite local decision-makers to see them.
- Check out the whole Activity Pack for more ideas, activities and information about how Girls around the world are raising awareness of climate change!