

Get Involved

If you would like further information or if your school would like to take part, please email local@habitatni.co.uk or call 028 92 635 635.

What the pupils said:

'I love the ReStore and the work it does'

'I liked going in the shack but I would not like to live in one! It is hard to think that people have to live in one every day and night'

'Habitat changes everything!'



Pupils from All Children's Integrated Primary School, Newcastle during their visit to Habitat ReStore

Habitat for Humanity is a global non-denominational Christian housing organisation that brings together people of all races, nationalities and religions to build homes, communities and hope. Since 1976, Habitat has served more than 800,000 families by building and improving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.

In Northern Ireland, Habitat's commitment to building a shared future is defined by bringing thousands of volunteers together; building 100 homes locally and over 1,000 homes globally. By opening the first Habitat ReStore in Europe as a hub for its work, Habitat is connecting the local and global; helping the local community improve their homes at low cost; diverting tons of material from landfill; engaging volunteers and raising funds to build hope and homes around the world.

Habitat Northern Ireland is a key partner in the global mission, supporting programmes which alleviate poverty through housing; improving health, increasing educational opportunities and providing livelihood support.

For more information, to donate, or to volunteer please visit www.habitatni.co.uk



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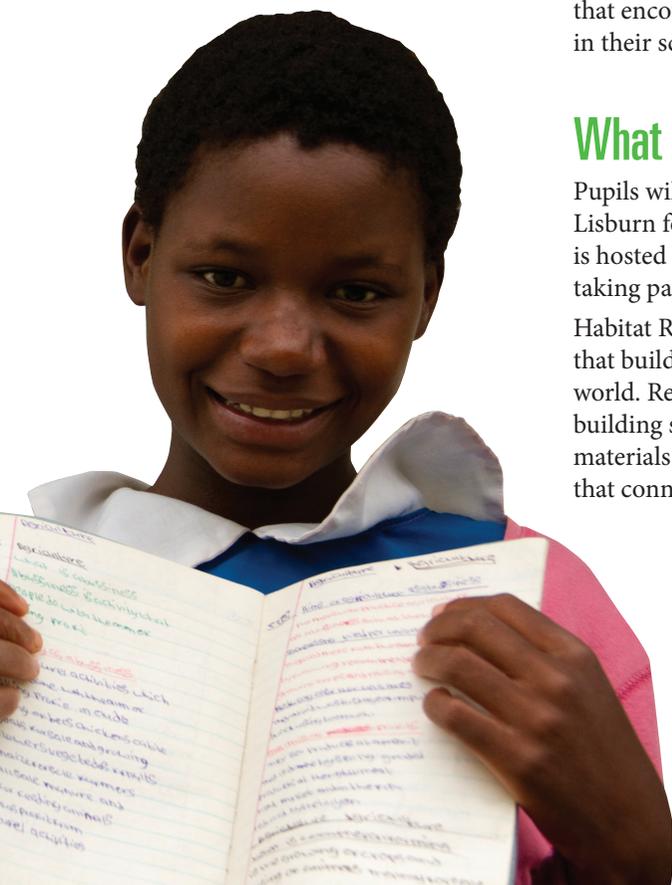
Our Waste Our World

Habitat NI's Primary School's Programme



Waste not, want not

Explore sustainable living
through creative, interactive,
action-packed learning!



Our Waste, Our World is Habitat NI's Primary School's programme. Unique, fun and engaging workshops examine waste and sustainability issues for key stage two pupils.

Participants learn about how waste in Northern Ireland can negatively impact poor and vulnerable families in the developing world.

With direct links to the Curriculum, the Habitat programme gives children a unique opportunity to learn in a variety of different ways in a stimulating environment outside the classroom.

Pupils will carry out tasks, reflecting on topics such as waste and sustainability, the environment and local and global perspectives. The workshop offers challenging and practical hands on learning that encourages pupils to be active citizens in their school, home and community.

What does it involve?

Pupils will visit the Habitat ReStore in Lisburn for a 2.5 hour workshop which is hosted by trained facilitators as well as taking part in a fundraising challenge.

Habitat ReStore is the low cost DIY store that builds hope and homes around the world. ReStore sells donated new and used building supplies and home improvement materials and is a hub for Habitat NI's work that connects the local with the global.

Susan Chimaliro, 13, outside her Habitat home in Malawi



Pupils will:

- See first-hand how Habitat is diverting waste from landfill
- Learn how something as small as a donated doorknob raises money to build hope and homes
- Visit a replica 'shack' home and consider what life would be like to live there
- In small groups discuss case studies on the impact of waste around the world
- Discover how the smallest of changes in their everyday lives can make a big difference
- Additional resources and homework material will enable learning beyond the workshop

Visal, Sreynochl and Bungthong, outside their Habitat home in Cambodia



What are the benefits?

The interactive, participatory session will:

- Enhance personal development and build confidence
- Promote mutual understanding and encourage team work
- Empower pupils to take action
- Increase environmental awareness
- Develop local and global perspectives

Fundraising Challenge

Join with Habitat and stand beside the 1.6 billion people around the world who need a decent place to call home.

Beyond the class visit, pupils are challenged to fundraise £500 which will 'Raise a Roof' on Habitat homes for two families, giving children a safe place to grow and learn. The average cost of a roof for a Habitat home in the developing world is £250.

Partnering with Habitat gives families like Visal, Sreynochl and Bungthong's in Cambodia a 'hand-up' to build their own way out of poverty and create a brighter future.

We have lots of fundraising ideas and resources to help get you started.