

# *Living for One World*

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Living and acting for change

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## Valuing and understanding the world and those who live in it

### Living for the planet

What does it mean to live for one planet?

How do we value the planet and all the life forms that sustain us?

To damage the environment is ultimately to harm us so how can our lifestyles and attitudes work in co-operation with nature?

We need to understand

- how global warming is affecting food production;
- how climate change is increasing weather related disasters, which are devastating the lives of countless people around the world who already struggle with poverty;
- how to share the burden of adapting to a changing climate
- how to care for the planet now before it is too late.

### Living for its people

What does it mean to live for its people?

One of the causes of suffering and poverty is greed. We are all interlinked and part of each other. The world is like one body; if one part of that body is in pain, the whole body suffers.

Our actions can have profound effects on others; the smallest action can have a ripple effect to bring positive change.

How can we ensure that food is distributed and shared equally and not wasted? Nobody in the world should go hungry.

### Living and acting for change

What does it mean to live and act for change?

Our lives can change the world as we choose what we eat, what we buy, how we travel, how we use our money and time.

Acting together, such as by signing petitions, communicating with decision makers and holding them to account, gives us collective power to influence change towards a fairer and more environmentally sustainable world.

### When?

OWW is a week, usually around 24 October (UN Day), but it can be any time. This year it is 23 – 30 October.

### Who takes part?

Local community groups, inter faith groups, schools, environmentalists, churches, universities, chaplaincies, youth groups, campaigners, religious and voluntary organisations, people from all faiths and none plan local activities together that are accessible yet challenging to their community.

Indeed, everyone is welcome who wants to make a difference and subscribes to OWW's vision:

*"People working together to build a just, peaceful and sustainable world"*

Previous event organisers have said:

*"One World Week is a trigger for me to act"*

*"It's a reminder of what is possible when communities can work together for social justice"*

### What?

Any event you would like to organise around the theme! Last year, events included children's art exhibitions, library and hospital displays, inspiring talks, fair trade fetes, football matches, discussions, acts of worship, quiz nights, films, global meals, international parties, inter faith activities and many more.

### Get involved ...

Get others to help you in 'active togetherness' as you plan local activities around "Living for One World".

Register your upcoming events on our website: [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

OWW will support you with

- inspiration and fun ideas
- resources you can download and print
- news of events
- guidelines for working with people across faiths
- 'Piecing Together One World' – a new handbook for taking local action for global justice

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