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# THE SCHOOL DAY

## Voice network activities – taking action

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Schools do a lot to make sure that all young people can take part and get the education that they are entitled to, no matter how much money they have at home - however, it's politicians and the people in charge of education who make the big decisions about things like how much money schools get and what kind of help is there for families on lower incomes.

It's really important that, when the people in charge of education make decisions, they know young people's views on school and what could make things as good as possible for everyone.

So what would you like to ask or tell them?



#### How to get started

To start discussions, take a look at this film. It sets out what over 5000 children and young people told us during Challenge Poverty Week 2023 about what's needed to feel ready to learn and how to make sure everyone has enough food at school and can go on trips.

You'll find the film on YouTube:  
<https://shorturl.at/gAFNU>

#### Your group could discuss:

- What do you think about what was said in the film? Are there any parts you think are really important? Was there anything that it didn't cover?
- Do you agree about the most important school costs? Why or why not?

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You can watch a short video for more ideas:  
<https://tinyurl.com/5ebxt9mh>

These are just a few examples of questions and statements from children and young people made during Challenge Poverty Week 2024 to get your group thinking. What do they think is important and what would they like to ask?



- When it comes to poverty, costs and support at school, what do you want to say or suggest?
- Is there anything you think politicians need to know?
- Is there something you think they should do to help with the cost of the school day?

If you'd like to share the questions you come up with directly with politicians and the Scottish government, we're happy to help – send them to [costoftheschoolday@cpagscotland.org.uk](mailto:costoftheschoolday@cpagscotland.org.uk).

Or if you want to get in touch with your MSPs directly you can find their details on the They Work For You website - [www.theyworkforyou.com/scotland/](http://www.theyworkforyou.com/scotland/)