



Schools continue to have a central role in our communities. Following the pandemic and current events in the world, this has become even more critical. Schools have a unique position in society, bringing together people from many different backgrounds and belief systems.

The theme of World Values Day this year is Values bring us Together, which is absolutely perfect for schools. The planning team have worked hard to ensure that this event is easily accessible to schools regardless of their geographical location. Here's the plan for this year;

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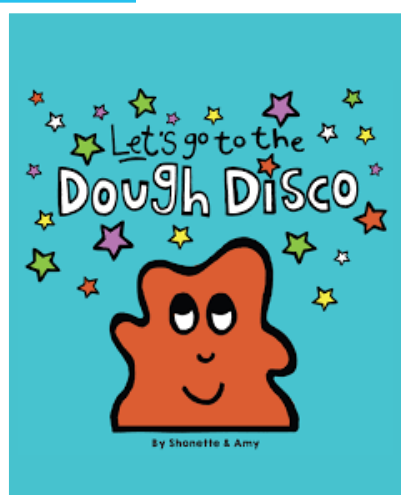
Time: All day

Theme: Values Bring Us Together

Ask: Choose one of the activities using the theme Bring Us Together or create your own and on the day post on social media with the hashtag #WorldValuesDay

Most schools already contribute and value their community. Let's use World Values Day this year to really showcase how the values in your school bring your community together.

Take a look at some of the suggested activities on the next few pages, perhaps there is something which really captures your imagination and would be perfect for your school.



DOUGH DISCO

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 2-8

Web Link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj0shfH3pzhrf3dOrSj_pRw

We are lucky enough to have Shonette Bason of Spread the Happiness and Dough Disco on board with us again this year. She is designing a special Dough Disco with a community theme for the day.

If you are not familiar with Dough Disco, please head over to YouTube, Spread the Happiness TV- Shonette's energy and enthusiasm is contagious!



SHOWCASE OF LEARNING

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 8-18

Inviting the community into schools is a fantastic way to increase community engagement, making our schools accessible and open to visitors to re-establish their place as the centre of local communities. Invite guest speakers to share their experiences of school and engage in discussions about how things have changed and what remains constant.



READING ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 2-10

What a great way to bring our community together – sharing a story. We have piloted grandparents, community police officers, school nurses and local shop keepers sharing their favourite story or one from the class library. Children have loved having a new voice read to them.



VINTAGE PLAYGROUND OLYMPICS

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 5-12

Games such as Elastics, skipping rhymes, Bulldog, Hop Scotch and many more can be given new lease of life by inviting parents, grandparents and community members to share their experiences and demonstrate the games they loved as children.

COMMUNITY VALUES SANCTUARIES

Cost: Variable to school | **School Age Range:** 8-18

The creation of a space for calm, contemplation and conversation is a way to bring people together. Involving members of the local community in making a place where nature can thrive. This can be as little as a few plant pots filled with herbs or flowering plants or as much as an entire garden space with pergolas, water features and willow dens. Bringing people together to create a lasting legacy of a tranquil place.



COFFEE AND DISCUSSION

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 14-18

Having open discussions with local community members where they can drop in for a coffee and a chat with senior school pupils can help to build positive relationships – the local shopkeepers, community police officers and members of the public are always keen to see and hear from our young people and are a great source of advice and experience.



Perhaps if none of the activities given above meet your requirements, you might want to explore the amazing ideas some of our global supporting organisations have developed. We are happy to engage in discussions if you have resources which you feel meet the needs of pupils in developing community values.



THE BIG THINK PRIMARY PSHE

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 5-12

Web Link: <https://www.the-big-think.org>

The Big Think PSHE programme explores Big life questions using shared human values and real world stories that build Social and Emotional Learning skills. Sessions can be part of your whole-school PSHE provision, or used to support key events like World Values Day over the year.

These free kits focus on the core value of COMMUNITY and the linked value of Celebrating Difference and explore some of the feelings and experiences we might have when we notice differences between each other and how to reach out and connect with those around us to celebrate diversity in all its glory.

COMMUNITY Celebrating Difference
How do you celebrate Diversity?

Sessions include:

Silent Sitting meditation, Big Story, Values Dialogue, Journal

GLOBAL POETRY SHOWCASE

Cost: Donation | **School Age Range:** 7-18

Web Link: <https://valuesalliance.net/global-poetry-showcase-2023/>

This is an exciting opportunity to bring out the poet in everyone. People in communities all over the world can express their thoughts, feelings, wishes and dreams about the future.

Join with others in your community (school, family, club, company, street, village, church, group etc) to apply your creative energy into poetic words, in written, performed or digital formats. This year, there is a new category where you can submit songs!

Experienced poets and beginners are all welcome as are different styles and formats of poetry. You can submit in English or any other language.

The theme is 'VALUES Bring Us Together'. Just express yourself in poetry! You can enjoy a safe space to inspire poetry-led sharing, thinking, insight, reflection, exploration and conversation.





GOOD VALUES CLUB FOOTBALL GAME

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 8-18

Web Link: <https://goodvaluesclub.wixsite.com/tgvc>

This game is a fun way to engage players in discussion about some of the values which are associated with the beautiful game. It was inspired by the tragic death of Leicester City's Chairman Khun Vichai. The game comes with a full pack of activities and instructions on how to play.



VALUES BRING US TOGETHER

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 4-16

Web Link: www.goodvaluesclub.com

Designed specifically for World Values Day 2023, this exciting project where children can collect quotation value cards to complete a set and become a values champion child. Children will love these cute cards and the message behind them.



VALUESJAM

Cost: £29.99 | **School Age Range:** 14-18

Web Link: <https://values-jam.com/>

It is our ambition to create harmony all over the world by inspiring one million values-led conversations. What contribution could your community make to celebrate World Values Day from 1-31 October? This playful card game is quite simple to play. Just pick a values card (by choice or at random), start with the first question on the reverse and see where the conversation takes you. You can use none, some or all of the other questions and before you move on to another card, make sure to ask the final question. Be open, honest, respectful, kind and curious. Above all, listen and feel the vibe – every card is different. There are no right or wrong answers. Just share your stories and go with the flow. It's also OK "not to know" yet. If that's the case, see what ideas are sparked by listening to the other ValuesJammer(s). You can play 1:1 or in small or larger groups. You can also download your FREE Values for Communities guide to help you make best use of your card deck/s.

ART OF VALUES SHOWCASE

Cost: Donation | **School Age Range:** 7-18

Further Details: <https://valuesalliance.net/the-art-of-values-showcase-2023/>

Arts + Values = Human Expression

This is the sibling of the [Global Poetry Showcase](#). It is an exciting opportunity to bring out the artist in everyone. People in communities all over the world can express their thoughts, feelings, wishes and dreams about the future. Join with others in your community (school, family, club, company, street, village, church, group etc) to apply your creative energy into visual art.

Experienced artists and beginners are all welcome as are different styles and formats of art.

The theme is 'VALUES Bring Us Together'. Just express yourself in art!

Submissions will be displayed in a 3D virtual environment with a range of media to experience. Here is a link to the demo of the space. Only 6 points are rendered and you can only navigate using the numbers at the bottom - but it gives a good idea of what is coming!

<https://td360.co.uk/4thDimensionDemo/>

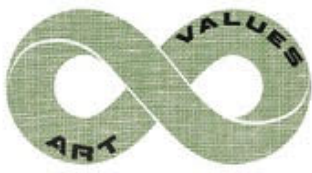
LIVING VALUES EDUCATION

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 5-18

Web Link: <http://livingvalues.net>

In celebration of World Values Day, we are offering everyone from around the world the opportunity to receive a FREE download copy of our Climate Change and Values Book.

Reflect for a moment on the world your heart longs for.... How might the values of peace, love, respect, honesty, cooperation and freedom create a social fabric of harmony and change? Our goal is to affirm our Values and stimulate positive action in our daily lives, to change the way we live, and start to give our Earth and Her Oceans the opportunity to heal - before it is too late.





SUPERKIDS

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** 6-12

Web Link: <https://www.braintumour.ca/superkids/>

SUPERKIDS is an educational program that seeks to spread education, awareness, empathy, kindness and understanding.

The lesson plans are broken down into age groups which makes it a fantastically easy to access resource.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON GLOBAL ISSUES OF THE DAY

Cost: Nil | **School Age Range:** All age groups

Further Details: nikki@teots.com

Each year, World Values Day works with the G20 engagement team, Values 20, to make sure that values-driven people from around the world have an opportunity to make their thoughts and ideas heard by the world's most influential global leaders.

There are lots of ways that schools and youth organisations can get involved. Video messages are the best way for teachers and students to contribute, and there is also an opportunity for schools to sign an international pledge.

This year, we are working with Values 20 India to create some documentaries around the themes of Education, Entrepreneurship and Environment. The importance of volunteering in the community is also relevant for the campaign. So, if your school or youth group wants to get involved, either submit individual messages and stories from your youth leaders, teachers and pupils, or try making a documentary of your own. Consider subjects like: Our school/youth group values open-mindedness/creativity/volunteering; this is how we use food/music/stories/art to learn about other cultures and people from different beliefs and ideals.

Your submissions will be used by the World Values Day Team and the Values 20 team in their online campaigns, and may also be included in briefings that will be presented to senior Embassy officials from the G20 countries. You will be informed about how your submission will be used. Email Nikki@TEotS.com for a full information pack.

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