

Race to Save the World - Australia



Attention: To the Head of Society and the Environment



I'm writing to invite you to enter a team in the Race to Save the World on (Fri) Feb 22. We've recently opened entries and are keen for students (ages 15 and over) to participate in the Race. The Race to Save the World is like the TV show the Amazing Race, but the challenges that the teams will be doing will come from the seven charities joining forces to make the Race a reality - Oxfam, Make Poverty History, the Greatest Need, Fairtrade, the Global Poverty Project, Results and Amnesty International.



Racers will be helping those people in the greatest need around the world through challenges focused on climate change, global health, international aid, food security, refugee rights and ethical consumerism. The Race will give racers practical experience in a range of methods of civic engagement. Only 40 teams of 2 -4 people will be competing in each of the five cities around Australia.



Teams have one day to complete six challenges, and points are awarded depending upon how well the team completes a challenges or how many times the team can do it. How many signatures can you get on a petition? Can you convince a local media outlet to run with the story you pitch? The challenges will be revealed on the day, and may take teams to businesses, schools, parliamentary offices or other locations across each city.



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For more clues Racers will need to keep an eye on the facebook page. The team with the most points at the end of the day wins the race. But more importantly, a huge amount of advocacy will have taken place across 5 Australian cities in 8 days, by more than 500 racers across Australia.



Take a look at the facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/racetosavetheworld> and the website <http://www.racetosavetheworld.net/> (where you can also sign up) to get more info about what will be happening on the day. Enclosed you will also find a registration form that you can copy which may be easier for parental permission.

Thanks, and hope to see you at the Race. And hope you enjoy your well-deserved break!

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