

# Activity sheet

## KS2 – Election debate activity



Put the children into groups of seven and give out a copy of the summaries below to each group. Allow them to read the summaries below of each political party's stance on international aid. The information is taken from the 2015 party manifestos.

**Activity 1:** Discuss as a group.

Do you agree/disagree with any points? Which points are most important?

Which parties do you most agree with? Do you agree with all of that party's policies?

Who would you vote for?

Feedback as a class and discuss any issues raised. Hold a vote with the ballot cards.

**Activity 2:** In small groups of 2-3 write your own mini manifesto. How much would you spend on aid? How would you spend it? What international issues are most important to you?

### Conservatives:

- Ending global poverty is both the right thing to do and in Britain's best interests.
- Spending on aid will help reduce terrorism.
- We will **spend 0.7%** of our national income on aid (approx. £11.4 billion).
- We want to **end conflict, poverty and disease** around the world.
- We want to promote **equal rights** for women and girls.
- We want to help leaders in poor countries do a better job.

### Labour:

- We will **set goals** with other countries to wipe out extreme poverty.
- We will place importance on human rights issues.
- We will work in war-affected countries to **help those affected by violence**.
- We believe the **protection and education of women and children** is very important.
- We will send money to the world's poorest countries, using 0.7% of national income (approx. £11.4 billion in 2013).



### Greens:

- We will spend an **extra £6 billion** per year on aid, on top of what we already spend.
- Aid will be given to projects focused on wiping out poverty, supporting community projects, and women's rights.
- Greens want to live in a world that **is just and fair**, secure and peaceful, and where human rights are universally respected.

### Liberal Democrats

- This year we forced the Conservatives to **meet the UN target** of giving 0.7% of our country's income to overseas aid (approx. £11.4 billion in 2013).
- We believe our international aid should be used for **promoting peace**, advancing human rights, democracy and trade throughout the world.
- We believe all people deserve a **freer, greener and more prosperous world**.

### UKIP

- UKIP will bring overseas aid spending **into line with that of the United States**, at 0.2% of our country's income.
- We will spend a minimum of **£4 billion per year**, more than given by Spain and Italy combined.
- We will make sure future spending will focus on **emergency relief**, healthcare, medicine against preventable diseases and clean water and sanitation programmes.
- We will help the world's poorest people, by giving them free access to British trade rather than handing out money.

### SNP

- We have long supported the United Nations target to spend **0.7%** of our national income on aid (approx. £11.4 billion in 2013).
- We believe that overseas aid funding should not be used for **armed forces or defences**.
- We are in favour of some developing countries having their **debt reduced**.

### Plaid Cymru

- We believe **0.7%** of national income should be spent on aid (approx. £11.4 billion in 2013).
- We believe that if we don't help poorer countries it will lead to **resentment, violence and division**.
- Plaid Cymru will spend money to help developing countries **promote women's rights** and prevent modern slavery.



# Ballot Card

Based on the parties' policies for international aid, who would you vote for? Put a cross in one box only.

Conservatives

Labour

Liberal Democrats

Plaid Cymru

SNP

UKIP

