

Student 6: High Not Achieved
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The social issue my group is focusing on, by volunteering for the Red Cross Annual Book Fair, is poverty in New Zealand society. Thousands of citizens both adults and children throughout NZ are living in poverty and are going without their basic human rights; simple things like food, water, clothing and shelter. In NZ there are 622,00 people living in poverty according to statistics NZ... that is one in seven households, including 320,000 children. My group wants tackle this issue head on by volunteering for the Red Cross Annual Book Fair to help them raise money. This social action will take place at the Te Rapa racecourse on the 5th and 6th of September.

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My personal reasons for selecting this action is that I really care about the people that this action is meant to targeting. I am all for those who cannot help themselves and I think that by getting involved I may be able to make a small difference to those who are in poverty. These people all have rights that aren't being met and it is important that someone like me who has so much, should actually give back to others. It saddens me that we have to do social actions to feed people but if it helps I am there.

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Ms M a social Studies teacher has an opinion on the issue of poverty. She believes it can be helped by social actions like volunteering.

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The Red Cross organisation has an opinion on the issue of poverty. They believe that everybody as a right to basic human rights and that nobody should be without food or shelter. They believe that they have a responsibility to help these people.

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We have contacted the red cross and have been instructed about the time and place that we need to turn up. We have two days to work at the book fair. My social action is ensuring that people in poverty have a chance to gain their human rights. Red Cross is trying to raise enough money to feed a range of pole throughout the year. This means that people in poverty could exercise their rights to food.

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I have a responsibility to the Red Cross to turn up and try and make as much money as possible so that they can provide these meals throughout the year. I must turn up on time and listen to the Red Cross staff so that I am meeting my responsibilities and the Red Cross staff are meeting theirs.

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