

Link to Hope

In year 8 SME lessons students have been set a piece of homework to advocate for and raise awareness of the charity Link to Hope.

Link to Hope is a charity to help the poorest and most marginalised people through education and social care and to change lives by releasing communities out of poverty. Link to Hope (formally Link Romania) was established in 1991 in response to the devastating television pictures of the appalling conditions in the orphanages in Romania. A group of Christians in Worthing led by Mark Shipperlee (who later became the charities founder) hired a truck, loaded it with aid and drove to Romania. Link to Hope works with a variety of national organisations on a range of projects throughout Eastern Europe.

The Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal is their biggest campaign and many of our year 8 Durrington High School students are choosing to make these as part of their homework. They have also asked staff to take part as well. This campaign is run every year before Christmas, where people are invited to fill a shoebox with items for a whole family. The shoeboxes get sent as gifts at Christmas to those families who need it most; where a lack of food or fuel makes it a struggle to survive and are a priority above presents. Each shoebox brings a little bit of light into families' lives and letting them know someone is thinking and caring about them.

If you would like to contribute to a shoebox all the details are on the website <https://linktohope.co.uk/>

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