



SHANTI ACTION CLUBS

What is an action club?

An action club is a group of young people who volunteer their services to help make the world a better place. Most action clubs work for their local communities although others work for causes both national and international.

Why should I get involved with an action club?

Look at the state of the world today and what's going on around you. The world is in a mess. Many adults are preoccupied with their own self-interests and they are not very interested in you, your needs and the world they will leave to you. For example, just look at how many take the environment for granted and do little to reduce their own impact on it. It's pointless getting mad with them because it's not their fault; they don't know any better. Many haven't been brought up to think of anyone but themselves to any significant extent.

So why wait around for them to solve the world's problems? Why not set up an action club and do it yourselves? We will give you a list of problems and what can be done that are common to many communities and you can also look around your own community and see what needs to be done there. If your club comes up with a great way of helping the world and it works, tell us all about it so we can share it with other clubs and your idea can spread and do more good.

Through your action club you can set an example that adults, other young people and children can all look up to and admire. That will also help many adults learn about their bad habits so they can overcome and change them. Be the change you want to see in others. Don't forget you and your friends won't be alone with this. Young people all over the world will also be helping and that's how we will all make a big difference to our planet.

What are some of the other benefits from being a part of an action club?

It will empower you by showing you that you can personally make a difference in the world, which will give your life more meaning. It will help you gain more acceptance and respect in your own communities as respect is earned. What better way to earn it than by contributing to society positively?

Other benefits include:

- Improved self-esteem and confidence
- Making connections with other people from all different cultural and economic backgrounds
- Learning practical skills such as constructive problem solving, teamwork, leadership, organisational and planning skills to name a few.

What are some of the activities action clubs get involved in?

Reducing local and global poverty; advocacy; campaigning for world peace, civil rights, freeing political prisoners, saving the environment; protecting rainforests, coral reefs, wetlands; improving community health and safety; bringing the community together; working with people in need — helping refugees, disaster victims, homeless people, elderly people, disabled people, sick and hungry people, animals; the list goes on and on.

OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD ON at

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