

Caring For Our Community

What makes our teens support World Vision's 40 hour famine?

It's hard for most teenagers to imagine what starvation feels like; or loosing your home to a hurricane; or being poisoned by the water supply. Over a weekend in February, teens had a taste of poverty at a World Vision conference in Waikanae. The conference inspired them to organise activity in their schools for the 40 hour famine.

A Taste of Poverty

Conference organiser *Laura-Jane Botting* organised role playing games where students had to build over-night shelters, crowd into small spaces and carry water long distances. "You will be experiencing extreme poverty and you absolutely must look after your own family" was part of the game briefing. *Laura-Jane* and her team say being cool goes out the window during these conferences so the real work can begin. "It changes people" says staff member *Daniel Jones*.



Local teenagers *Bianca Das* (front), *Kate Berry* (left), *Kyla Gabrielsen* and *Gloria Ashton* attended the conference to "help motivate others to make a difference", "have fun and do something good," "learn leadership skills for life" and "organise things like a slave auction".

**40 Hour Famine
16-18 March**



Bronwyn Kerr works with *Children in Crisis* – a campaign where young people can contribute an affordable amount each month to World Vision. "We can only do what we can," says *Bronwyn*. "We still have our lives to lead, but most people in New Zealand can do something."

If you would like to be involved in the 40 hour famine, talk to your local school or check out World Vision's website www.worldvision.org.nz for other ways to help.

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