

Recycling with Age Concern (ACE) and Help the Aged (HTA) **Assembly Plan**

Aims: The assembly is suitable for all ages. Its aim is to encourage pupils to not only engage in our recycling scheme but also learn how the money they help to raise through recycling will help to support disadvantaged older people. Assembly to be held over Recycle Week- 22nd-28th June 2009.

Main Presentation: ACE and HTA is fighting to support older people within the community who need help. By recycling your unwanted goods with ACE and HTA you will not only help to protect the environment but also help to protect the most disadvantaged older people in your community.

ACE & HTA receive £5 per each working mobile phone recycled. £5 could pay for a pendant that a vulnerable older person wears as part of Senior Link, our immediate response service which makes vulnerable older people feel more secure.

It takes 1.5 pints of oil to make a toner cartridge. By recycling your unwanted cartridges you will help reduce landfill and preserve the planet's natural resources.

More than £100 million worth of foreign currency is lying around homes up and down the UK. By collecting just 4 mugs full of foreign currency you could raise over £200 for Age Concern and Help the Aged. £200 could pay for a wheel chair for an older person in your community.

ACE and HTA shops function like mini recycling centres. Clear out your unwanted clothes, household textiles, books, cds and bric-a-brac while helping older people and doing your part for the environment.

Interaction: Choose 5 volunteers to come to the front of the assembly. Have five tables with a pad and a pen.

You will need:

- Some ear muffs
- Lots of pairs of gloves
- Strong prescription glasses

Activity: With your volunteers please get them to wear the props. Get the children to write a shopping list or draw a simple picture. The aim of the task is to show the difficulty older people face with their senses impaired. The exercise serves to illustrate the difficulty older people face completing simple day-to-day activities.

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Summary: By recycling with ACE and HTA the pupils can make a real difference to the lives of older people as well as reducing landfill and waste.

Further Actions:

- Encourage the pupils to go home and collect the items that can be recycled.
- Task the pupils with designing their own collection boxes/points.
- Ask them to think about the positive impact they will have on the environment and the older community by getting involved. Further discussions can also take place in the classrooms.
- Add a section on recycling to your website.
- Prepare an update assembly: share recycling results, how much money is raised. Award the most successful recycling classes with certificates.
- Prepare a school notice board showing how much has been recycled and how much money has been raised.
- Involve the local press and radio to let everyone know about the schools scheme.