



The **First Give programme** helps promote SMSC and character education within your school, positively supporting students career readiness, by developing better citizens.

Become one of our **First Give** partner schools today and help prepare your students for the future by developing their character.

Our charity partners with schools to support students' personal development, and through our programme we help our partner schools evidence elements of the [Character](#) and [Gatsby](#) Benchmarks.

Character Benchmarks

- ◆ 'How good is our Co-Curriculum?' (D)
- ◆ 'How well do we promote the value of volunteering and service to others?' (E)

At **First Give**, we Co-deliver the programme with teachers from your chosen area of curriculum. We facilitate a teacher briefing, a student assembly, a public speaking working shop and the **First Give** Final. We also provide all the resources for your teachers to deliver a curriculum linked, social action programme. Students must engage with one or more of the following areas of social action during **First Give**:

- Volunteering
- Fundraising
- Campaigning
- Raising Awareness.

Gatsby Benchmarks

- ◆ 'Encounters with employers and employees' (Benchmark 5)
- ◆ 'Experiences of workplaces' (Benchmark 5)

Through partnering with **First Give**, the **First Give** programme requires students to meet with a chosen charity partner from the local community. Through this meeting, students are encouraged to ask multiple questions to their chosen charity, about their mission, work, team, and wider questions.

This is a great way for students to engage with roles in the third sector. The **First Give** programme opens opportunities for students as they may be able to volunteer with charity partners following the programme, benefiting their personal development, understanding of different vocations, and providing great evidence for their CVs.

For more information about the **First Give programme** please visit our website at firstgive.co.uk