



NEWS RELEASE

Gloucester youngsters "slum it" for a day to highlight world poverty

From 10.30 am SAT JUNE 28th 08 -
and overnight to morning of SUN JUNE 29th

@ Hucclecote Methodist Church, Carisbrooke Rd, Gloucester.

Young people from churches in Hucclecote, Gloucester will be building a shanty town on the church field from boxes, old pallets, and other junk. They will then be living in the community they create to experience what it is like for millions of people who have no choice, but to live in these conditions in countries across the world.

When they enter the slum they can take only the most basic of items. Luxuries like MP3 players, mobile phones and cosmetics **are banned. They will have to fetch and carry limited water supplies and cook their own food** - again from limited supplies of goods. For a short time **they will chose to make the reality of the world's poor their reality**, raising money for change and being changed in the process. The youngsters have been sponsored to complete the challenge to raise money and awareness for Soul Action projects. Soul Action works to help some of the poorest communities in the world.

Richard Franklin, Youth Worker at Hucclecote Methodist Church says: "We will face some pretty tough challenges. There will be times in the slum to think about how it feels to struggle with limited food and water and to have none of the luxuries we take for granted. We will also hear from Hucclecote Church Minister, Rev Simon Topping who has worked as a minister in a slum area in Argentina. As Christians we believe we should be doing all we can to help the world's poorest people". ENDS

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