

Christmas Shoebox Appeal Gaisce Guide

Who is **Team Hope**?

TEAM HOPE is an Irish, Christian development aid charity, working with children, their families and communities across Africa and Eastern Europe.

www.TeamHope.ie



What is the **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**?

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal sends shoebox gifts from Ireland to children in need across Africa and Eastern Europe. These may be the only gifts they receive and every single box brings hope, love and joy!

What is **Gaisce**?

Gaisce – The President's Award is a self-development programme that encourages you to find your passion, get active and make a difference in your community!

Gaisce is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to young people aged 15-25 to dream big and realise their potential. By taking part in Gaisce, you will take on exciting personal, physical and community challenges and develop new skills and new friendships.



www.Gaisce.ie

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Gaisce Challenge Areas:

1. Community Involvement
2. Personal Skill
3. Physical Recreation
4. Adventure Journey

Working with **Team Hope** for Community Involvement & Personal Skill:

Community Involvement

Community Involvement is all about making a difference to other people's lives. Everyone is unique and has something they can contribute to make their community a better place. It feels good to help, it's fun, and you often make new friends too!

Personal Skill

Personal Skill gives you the chance to develop a new skill or interests. Working on a particular skill helps to boost your self esteem, develop other practical and social skills, and learn how to set and rise to a challenge.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Make shoeboxes, help others to get involved and help out at your local Christmas Shoebox Appeal checking centre to help us to get boxes ready to travel to their new homes!

This Appeal is so rewarding and will help you to meet new people and develop new skills.

Contact us for your local team info.

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Public speaking: Prepare a talk to give to the other class groups on your school to tell them how to get involved in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Organisation skills: Coordinate the Christmas Shoebox Appeal at your school

Media/Marketing: Create a video/poster campaign to get your school involved!

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Gaisce Bronze Award Community Involvement timetable for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Week 1	Launch Week: Order materials from Team Hope and ask if you can speak to different classes about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal
Week 2	Put up posters and plan your talks to classes. Use the DVD & website to get the information you need or get in touch with us.
Week 3	Designate an area to collect boxes & speak to classes/assembly
Week 4	Speak to classes/assembly
Week 5	Speak to classes/assembly
Week 6	Arrange with local coordinator for boxes to be collected.
Week 7	Help out at your local checking centre
Week 8	Help out at your local checking centre
Week 9	Help out at your local checking centre
Week 10	Help out at your local checking centre
Week 11	Help out at your local checking centre
Week 12	Prepare a presentation to report back to classes/community.
Week 13	Present & reflect. What have you learned? What would you do differently if you did it again? What could Team Hope do differently? What was your favourite part? Where do you feel you had the most skills to offer? Send us your notes so we can learn too!

How to make a Christmas Shoebox

1. Wrap a regular sized shoebox. Wrap the box and lid separately (you may use a hinged shoebox or similar size plastic container).
2. Put the sticker from your leaflet (or print one from www.teamhope.ie) and tick the age group and gender. Stick it on the top right hand corner of your shoebox.
3. Fill your shoebox – using items from the 4 W's list. Please only include items that are new or items you would be happy to receive yourself.
4. Include €4 in the envelope of your leaflet (or any envelope) and put it inside your shoebox. Or you can donate it online.
5. Close the shoebox with an elastic band but don't seal it with tape as we have to check each box for custom purposes. Then drop it off by November 9th at one of our 400+ national drop off points! If you have more than 50 boxes please call us and one of our volunteers will collect them!



THE 4W's

These are some ideas of things you might fill your Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

WRITE

- Pens/Pencils
- Crayons
- Paper/Copy Books
- Colouring Books
- Markers
- Sharpener
- Eraser

WASH

- Soap (wrapped)
- Hairbrush
- Comb
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Facecloth

WEAR

- Socks
- Underwear
- Flip Flops
- Hat
- Scarf
- Gloves

WOW

- Cuddly Toy
- Skipper rope/Yo-yo
- Sweets (in date until April next year)
- Musical Instrument
- Sunglasses
- Toy Car
- Doll
- Ball

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

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Christmas Shoebox Appeal Stories



Katya in Albania

Katya's mum was so excited that her little girl could have a Shoebox. She said "I can't afford buying her toys so this is very special for her. Thank you to everyone who brought these gifts for the children in Albania".

Anya and Vasya in Transnistria

Anya and Vasya live with their grandmother. Their home is cold and damp. They were delighted to get Christmas presents and Vasya especially loved all of the cars in his box!



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Gabi in Romania

Gabi is five years old and she ran out when she saw the shoeboxes coming! She has 6 brothers and sisters and they live in a home without running water or electricity. She was so excited to see the shoebox, her first and only gift for the year. She fell in love with a stuffed animal toy and kept hugging it. She loved the markers too!



Leonel in Burkina Faso

Leonel is 12. He speaks a little French, Dioula and Bwamu! His dream is to be an engineer but his mum can't afford to send him to school at the moment. He loved his Christmas Shoebox and everything in it!

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