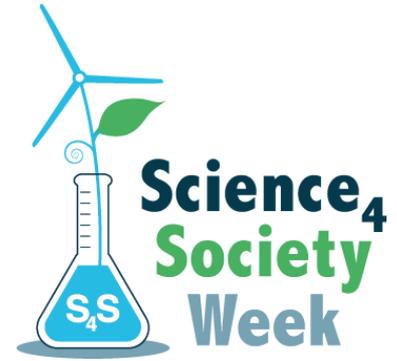


Influence and Change!

Science4Society Week 2021 competition

Children persuade Comic Relief to make Red Nose Day plastic free



Comic Relief said it had received letters and emails from hundreds of children about the issue of single use plastic red noses. One school wrote to Sir David Attenborough who said,

"There is absolutely no doubt that a bit of tactical nudging by some passionate kids definitely made a difference"

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-54431830>

What environmental issues are you passionate about?

- This could be to do with unnecessary waste, excessive energy or resource use, burning fossil fuels, the amount and type of packaging, biodiversity loss, air pollution from planes or cars...
- It could be a local issue – in your school, town or a local organisation; or a national issue...

Could you write a letter to bring it to the attention of someone who could make a difference or an organisation?

- Decide the issue you want to influence
- Decide to whom you could write!

Examples include

- Writing to your school caterers to ask for more plant-based options on the menu, or with your ideas to reduce food waste or waste to landfill
- Writing to a supermarket to ask what they are doing to reduce their single use packaging (even if it can be recycled!)
- Writing to a confectionery manufacturer to suggest a different sort of wrapper that could be composted

The winning entry will

- Receive a certificate
- Be published on the S4S website
- Receive a copy of 'No-one is too small to make a difference' by Greta Thunberg

Age categories: 7-11, 12-14, 15-18

Attach the letter to an email

Work must be original and created by the student(s)

All entries must include the following information

- entrant name, age and age category
- school/club/youth group name and address

Submit your entry to info@s4s.org.uk by **midday Friday 26th February 2021**