



### Thank you for using your voice

*"In a world that seems dominated by greed and selfishness and cruelty, there are always enough people sitting on pavements, carrying banners, signing petitions, making speeches and cornering politicians to give the heart a little hope"* Pam Brown

Ghana is a rich country. Rich in gold, timber, cocoa, and diamonds. And in entrepreneurial people. So why are 18% of Ghana's population "extremely poor" and why are 17% of Ghana's children hungry?

Food for thought, isn't it?

The UK government's aid to Ghana over a number of years has helped the country make great strides forward - in education, in health and in engagement between the government and citizens. UK Aid has helped empower groups to raise issues with our government - issues such as mining and fisheries which affect many communities.

Good aid works. We can celebrate that together at Tea time for change. But there's still so much further to go.

Tax-dodging means poor countries lose more money than they receive in aid each year. Tax avoidance by just one company in Africa\* - means African governments lose out on enough money to put 250,000 children a year in school. Closing the loopholes that allow this to happen, and championing new sources of funding like the Robin Hood Tax could enable my country to invest still more in education and healthcare helping to free itself from poverty.

That's why I'm excited about refreshing the call for global justice with you. It's time for a good honest chat with your MP about how vital existing aid is, and about fresh thinking for even bigger change.

You'll find in this booklet everything you need.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

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On behalf of ActionAid, Bond, CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children and Tearfund

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## Before the day: What to do



### 1. Find out whether your MP can meet you – and let us know.

When you registered you will have been prompted to invite your MP. If you haven't, visit [www.teatimeforchange.org.uk](http://www.teatimeforchange.org.uk) and click on "Email an invitation".

When you hear back from your MP, please let us know! This is vital. It helps keep everyone updated. Visit [www.teatimeforchange.org.uk](http://www.teatimeforchange.org.uk) and click "Heard back?", or phone us: see the numbers on the back. If your MP can't make it, please let us know. It's still worth you attending the day! See our FAQs on p.19 for more.



### 2. Contact your Constituency Champion.

If a group of people from your constituency come along, it's helpful to have someone to co-ordinate everyone. These wonderful people are our Constituency Champions. Contact your Champion by visiting [www.teatimeforchange.org.uk](http://www.teatimeforchange.org.uk) and joining your Constituency Group. You'll then receive any updates posted on the group page about whether your MP has responded, and about any local meet-ups before the event, and you can message your Champion directly too.

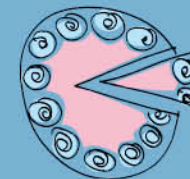
Alternatively phone us, using the numbers on the back, and we can put you in touch with your Champion. If there isn't already a Champion for your constituency, visit your Constituency Group page at [www.teatimeforchange.org.uk](http://www.teatimeforchange.org.uk) to volunteer. And thank you!



### 3. Do a bit of reading about the issues.

Meeting your MP is nothing to be anxious about. Many MPs would freely admit they're not experts on international development – so it's vital to give them the opportunity to hear your views. You'll feel more confident if you're able to give a bit of time to prepare beforehand.

This booklet gives you all the information you need – see the Issues section on p.6. But we'll also provide an up to the minute briefing on the day which will give you the specific questions we'd encourage you to ask – and a specially designed teacup with some handy prompts!



### Tea time tips to help you

- You could find out more about your MP before you meet them by visiting [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com) or <http://politics.guardian.co.uk/aristotle> to find out more. Is he/she interested in international development or any particular developing countries?
- If you're going to be lobbying with others, how about meeting up in your local tea room, cafe or pub before for some preparation chat?
- Sort out who's going to say what! There will be three key questions in your on-the-day briefing paper – you could share these out.
- No time to meet before? Don't worry – there's still time as you travel to the lobby! Use this booklet for some training on the train or briefing on the bus.



#### 4. Now spread the word!

Encourage friends, family, colleagues and people in your local community to join us for tea:

- Download flyers and posters from the website, or call us for copies to promote the day.
- Invite your friends via facebook by searching for “Tea time for change”, follow us on twitter (@teatime4change) and join the conversation by using #tt4c for your tea-related tweets.
- Contact your local media. The more creative you can be, the better! Get a group to turn up at a local landmark for an impromptu tea party, and invite your local newspaper along. Or perhaps try extreme tea drinking and photograph your friends having a cuppa in an unlikely location?
- Friends who can't come along can still show their MP that they care about global poverty. Download tea pot petitions from [www.teatimeforchange.org.uk](http://www.teatimeforchange.org.uk) These can be signed by other constituents and presented to your MP on the day. People can also support us online by visiting one of our websites (see back cover) entering their postcode, and clicking “I support this event”.



#### 5. Get creative! Make your meeting with your MP as memorable as possible.

It's always good to find creative ways of getting the message across – not only does it resonate with your MP but it makes a good photo opportunity for local press. We've got special permission from Central Hall Westminster to bring campaign cakes, iced with our key messages!

- **Good aid is just my cup of tea**
- **Aid works, make it count!**
- **We ♥ aid**
- **No to tax-dodging: Yes to transparency**
- **New fair funding: how refreshing**
- **No to jammy (tax) dodgers!**
- **Tiny taxes save lives**
- **We ♥ Robin Hood**

Hold a baking or sewing session in advance as a fun way of getting together with other campaigners. Other ideas? The more creative you can be, the better! Sing a song. Present them a world map. Knit a tea cosy. The world is your tea cup.

Brew up creative ideas at [www.teatimeforchange.org.uk](http://www.teatimeforchange.org.uk).