



afrocats

Schools fundraising
pack

Hello

Afrocats is a black-led award winning charity that works across Greater Manchester.

We work closely with the communities and people that access our projects to create inspiring experiences and opportunities. Together, we address and dismantle inequality by identifying and breaking down barriers.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our funders, donors and charity partners. They help us to reach some of the most disadvantaged people living in Greater Manchester.

Our programmes are free of charge for people to access but this is only possible with support from people and organisations like yourselves. We rely on almost 100% of fundraised income.

If your school is planning on raising money for Afrocats you will be joining a network of organisations, schools and people who are striving to make our region an equitable place for refugees, asylum seekers and diverse young people.

Thank you, for making a difference with us.

Magdalen Bartlett
Afrocats CEO and Founder

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Who you will help

We support asylum-seekers, refugees and diverse young people. Through our work, we aim to achieve meaningful social change by developing resilient communities.

We work with women from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds:

- 92% are facing deportation
- 38% are disabled
- 15% have faced domestic violence
- 10% are destitute

Young people from diverse backgrounds:

- 93% are Black, Asian or minority ethnic
- 78% from refugee or asylum seeker background
- 10% are homeschooled
- 5% are disabled

"When you first arrive in the UK and you can't speak English it is a big problem. You don't know the law and you don't know how to cope. Some asylum seekers arrive and are sent straight to a detention centre but they have no idea why. They can't speak English so don't understand what is happening.

A lot of asylum seekers and refugees are very anxious and very depressed. But groups like Afrocats help people and are kind to them."

Jilla Afrocats beneficiary

Fundraising ideas

We like you and your students to bring your own unique ideas for fundraising but we're on hand to help you with ideas for how you can get going. We'll work flexibly with you to meet your fundraising ambitions.

Nominate us as your charity of the year

The whole school community can get involved with fundraising for Afrocats as your charity of the year. You'll get to see the impact of your fundraising with updates throughout the year or the term.

Dress up or dress down

Pick a Friday and hold a dress-up or dress-down day. Dress up as your favourite character, artist or country.

Raffle and a bake sale

Raffle off prizes that you've made or sourced from local businesses. You could also make cakes and sweet treats to sell on the day.

Collection boxes

Keep a collection box on your school reception desk or in the staff room.

Movie day

Pick movies from different cultures to screen in school, charge a ticket entry fee and sell popcorn or other treats.

Donate goods or products

We regularly need donations of toiletries, clothing, period products, laptops or tablets, data. Why not keep a collection bin in school.



Wellbeing boxes

The women we work with have often fled from war abuse or extreme disadvantage. Now in the UK they continue to experience trauma due to the UK's hostile immigration system. Through our work, we aim to reduce their stresses and support their wellbeing.

Creating wellbeing boxes for the women we work with can be a great activity for your students to work on as part of their fundraising and their PHSE curriculum.

Shopping list

- Sanitary products
- Bubble bath
- Candles
- Shampoo
- Soaps
- Face mask
- Blankets
- Cosy socks
- Herbal teas
- Notepad and pens
- Halal chocolate
- Essential oils



Afrocats dance-a-thon

Cultural dance and creative movement feature in all of our programmes. We use dance to warm up at the beginning of sessions and as part of our wellbeing work.

Creating an Afrocats dance-a-thon is a fun way for students to fundraise for us and keep fit!

Students can gather donations and pledges ahead of the dance-a-thon from friends, neighbours and family. They will need to decide if people will donate to support a dancer or for the amount of time dancing.

We will put together a cultural playlist to kick off your event, and then all you need to do is make sure everyone has fun!

Why not use a PHSE lesson to research dance styles from Africa, South East Asia and the Middle East?



Culturally appropriate food pack

We support asylum seekers and their families with culturally appropriate food parcels.

It costs us approximately £1100 to provide African, Asian and Middle Eastern packages of fresh vegetables, spices and supermarket vouchers for the families we work with.

You will need:

- Food donations or volunteer shoppers
- A location to pack food parcels

We will give you:

- A full breakdown of how many items to buy
- Advice and support for running a successful pack

"I'm a refugee and I have no money and we were struggling for food. But then Afrocats gave me food from my culture and a food voucher.

It was incredible! It took away one worry for me."



Shopping list

- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic gloves
- Tape
- £15 Tesco voucher for every box

Middle Eastern food parcels:

- Aubergine
- Tomato
- Onion
- Potatoes
- Curry powder (medium)
- Tumeric
- Oil
- Rice

African food parcels:

- Yam
- Sweet potato
- Onions
- Sweet peppers
- Tomato
- Plantain
- Scotch Bonnet

Asian food parcels:

- Green chillies
- Okra
- Aubergine
- Ghee
- Rice



Supporting your curriculum

Partnering with Afrocats can support your PHSE, citizenship and geography curriculums. Through your lessons and fundraising for Afrocats, you can help your students to explore topics such as migration, culture shock and displacement. Introducing these themes can help students to develop respect and empathy.

Writing a letter home

Students imagine a situation when they would have to flee their homes to another country. Get them to write a letter home imagining what it might be like arriving somewhere new. How do they feel? What are their hopes and their fears?

Guess the country

Select countries from the UN's refugee situations data, and see if your students recognise the shape of the country. Can they draw the flags for these countries? Get the students to research the terrains and climates of these countries and use them as a discussion point for why people might have to leave their country.

Cultural food bingo

Split the class into three groups. Get ask each group to research national dishes from Africa, South East Asia and the Middle East. Now get the students to add the facts they learnt about the dishes to bingo cards. At the end of the lesson play a round of bingo so everyone can learn about the different dishes.

Black history month and refugee week

Mark these awareness weeks in your school calendar across your lesson plans.

Magdalen's journey

Our CEO has her own story of migration and culture shock. Magdalen can present her story to form groups or at a whole school assembly.

What we can do for you

We love partnering with schools that have the desire to create kinder and more inclusive communities. Here are just a few ways we can show our appreciation for your fundraising efforts but we will always work to thank you in a way that is meaningful to you and your students:

- We'll support you on your fundraising journey to make sure it is a success
- Provide a brand pack and resources to help you promote your activities
- Our CEO and founder can give a presentation to your school about her journey, our work at Afrocats and how your fundraising will make an impact
- Your school will be named and thanked in our Annual Report and Accounts and our Impact Report
- We can hold a cheque presentation opportunity with people we support and your students
- Your name and logo will be added to our website as a schools supporter
- An invitation to meet with the people we support and see our work in action
- We can write a press release about your fundraising efforts and promote your fundraising on our digital channels.

The difference your fundraising could make

£25
could fund a
culturally
appropriate food
parcel for one
family

£10
could fund data for
a young person for
a week

£50
could fund a
tablet so a young
person can
complete their
homework

£80
could fund
travel expenses
for 20 young
people to attend
a session

£500
could fund one
Saturday session
for our young
people

£5000
could fund our
adult programme
for 6 months



Thank you from all of us at Afrocats!

We're a small charity with big ambitions and we couldn't do what we do without your support.

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