

ACTIVITY 5

What do ReStores do?



TIME: **30 minutes**

PREPARATION/RESOURCES:

Video and wordsearch
(can download from website)

BADGES:

Get Learning and Get Involved

Watch the video and keep an eye out for the items for sale at ReStore

This video shows the great work ReStores do in Ballymena, Newry, Newtownards and Lisburn to help families improve their homes at a cost they can afford. All these items are donated to ReStore which means they can be re-used rather than end up in landfill. Customers can then get items they need to improve or furnish their house at an affordable cost and the money raised helps support others here in NI and across the world to have a decent place to live.

Some questions to ask:

Have you ever visited a ReStore?

In the video what items could you see for sale in ReStore?

ReStore couldn't operate without our fantastic volunteers – what is a volunteer?

FUN FACT: Did you know that Richard and Niall (ReStore Lisburn manager) who were in the video are both BB Leaders!

Do you think you could help ReStore by telling your family or friends all about them and encourage them to donate any items they no longer need?

ACTIVITY 6

Gingerbread House Challenge



TIME: **20-30 minutes**

PREPARATION/RESOURCES:

Gingerbread House Challenge Fundraising Pack (on website); **Gingerbread House kit** (recipe included or could buy a pre-made kit from local supermarket), **sweets and icing to decorate**

BADGES:

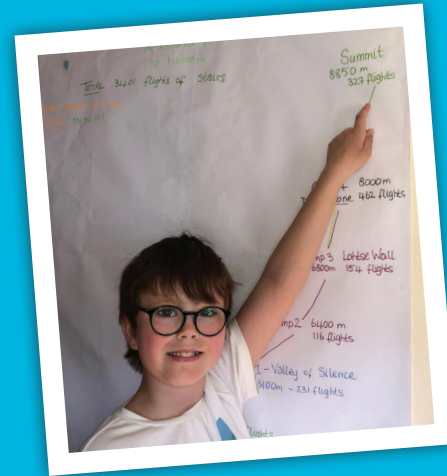
Get Learning, Get Involved and Get Creative

1. Head to the website to download some resources, including a sponsor form, to help you get started.
2. Get family, friends and fellow Anchor Boys to join you.
3. Host your challenge! Build your gingerbread houses, have fun, raise funds and raise your voice for safe shelter.
4. Share your photos and videos on social media & encourage others to get involved! Tag us @habitatni or #habitatgingerbreadbuild
5. Send the funds you raised to Habitat (see the back page for full details).
6. You did it! - Thank you for joining us to support those who need a safe place to call home.

Resources



Access more resources, including worksheets, videos and a fundraising pack at www.habitatni.co.uk/anchorboys or www.bbnri.org/niforms.htm



Samuel, from Newtownards, decided to raise funds for Habitat by climbing Mount Everest on his stairs at home. Sam and his Dad, climbed 44,213 stairs to each the summit!!

“I wanted to support Habitat because they build houses for people in need. In these hard times we need to do what we can to help others.”
Samuel

Other ways to get involved

(For Adults, Parent/Guardian(s) and Leaders)

- **Raise your voice for shelter** – Sign our Build Solid Ground petition. Access to land lies at the heart of ending poverty. By using your voice to improve access to safe and secure land, you can help create the foundation for better housing. Sign the petition here www.habitatni.co.uk/petition
- **Host a Habitat Sunday** – We have a ready-made church service pack which can be adapted for use in your church service.
- **Donation Drive** – Support our work by arranging a drop off donation day at your church hall. Contact us to book a date.
- **Pray** – Become a prayer partner www.habitatni.co.uk/pray

Sending your funds

1. Create a personal Anchor Boys fundraising page: www.habitatni.enthuse.com/cf/anchorboys
2. Give the funds raised to your leaders.

Note for Leaders

All funds collected by your Anchor Boys should be sent in the usual way to BB NIHQ.



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Project 2020/2021



Everyone Everywhere needs a safe place to live



Dear Anchor Boys, Leaders and Parents

All of us at Habitat, are delighted to have been chosen as the Anchor Boys Project for 2020/2021. We are thankful for the connections we have already with Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland and are looking forward to working with you this year.

Habitat seeks to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities and hope. We believe in a world where everyone, everywhere has a safe place to live.

COVID-19 means that all of us have spent more time at home, school at home and work at home! Sometimes that has been fun and maybe other times it was challenging, but we have been safe at home and we could wash our hands. Nearly 1 in 4 people in our world don't have a home where they can stay safe and they don't have water to wash their hands.

Home is the start of it everywhere – locally we support some of the most vulnerable people in our community through a 'House to Home' programme. Working in partnership with DePaul and other like-minded agencies we provide practical support, together with volunteers, to help individuals and families sustain their tenancies to make their house a home.

Through Habitat ReStore; our low-cost home improvement stores in Ballymena, Lisburn, Newry and Newtownards; we help thousands of local people to improve their homes at prices they can afford. We support people of all backgrounds and abilities to learn new skills and at the same time divert tons of reusable material from landfill. We would love you to tell people you know about ReStore and maybe your Anchor Boys section could organise a donation drive and we can bring the ReStore van to collect at your church hall. More than 60,000 families every year shop at ReStore and more than 200 volunteers invest over 2,500 hours every month to make it possible.

We are excited by the potential to connect with you this year, as we raise awareness of how important safe homes are here at home and around the world, we hope that you will raise funds so that together we can help more people have a safe place to call home.

Thank you!

In partnership,

Jenny Williams

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Chief Executive

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Activities

All these activities can be done as a group during a BB meeting or at home with parent/ guardian(s). Each activity can also link into your ongoing Badgework and the badges that are relevant are highlighted in each activity.

ACTIVITY 1
Who lives in a house like this?
TIME: 10-15 minutes
PREPARATION/RESOURCES: Pictures of various types of houses from around the world either printed or on a screen
BADGES: Get Learning and Get Involved

ACTIVITY 2
What does home mean to you?
TIME: 15-20 minutes
PREPARATION/RESOURCES: A page per boy and felt-tips/ crayons/pencils
BADGES: Get Learning and Get Involved

ACTIVITY 3
Duplo/Lego House Building competition
TIME: 20 minutes
PREPARATION/RESOURCES: Duplo/Lego or similar building blocks
BADGES: Badges: Get Learning, Get Creative and Get Active

ACTIVITY 4
Building the Kingdom
TIME: 20 minutes
PREPARATION/RESOURCES: Bible or Bible story book with pictures
BADGES: Get Learning, Get into the Bible