



## SCHOOLS UNITING FOR A (RIGHT ROYAL) SHOW OF THANKS

any time that suits you during 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018

using just hands and voices and a few ready-made words & actions (no money, thank you) schools, families, and others can help make memorable gifts to the world

- as you not only celebrate the spirit of the 2018 World Day for Cultural Diversity
- but also thank everyone involved in doing or supporting humanitarian aid agencies' work (including Meghan & Harry, as a wedding present they'll cherish)
- and appreciate anyone anywhere reaching out to help others



THEY'RE MUCH RESPECTED for making time for humanitarian work. For example, Meghan is a voice for clean water, against slavery and racial injustice, and as Advocate in the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women; Harry has given the world the inspiration and hope and humanity in the Invictus Games.

BY HAPPY CHANCE, their wedding on Saturday 19 May is just before the 2018 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Development and Dialogue. Since 2002, the UN has set 21 May as a day to help people learn about the importance of diversity and harmony. See more at [www.un.org/en/events/culturaldiversityday](http://www.un.org/en/events/culturaldiversityday)

SCHOOLS ARE NATURAL HOMES OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY – they know at first hand the value of respect, understanding and appreciating difference – whether in language, religion, age, gender, moral codes, race and ethnicity.

THIS YEAR, SCHOOLS CAN MARK THE DAY by using The Big Reach Out - a ready-made open-to-all happening that's easy to arrange and run. And fun.

IT'LL ALSO MAKE A MEMORABLE COLLECTIVE GIFT to all those involved in NGOs and humanitarian organisations and charities - staff, field workers, volunteers, campaigners – and to Meghan & Harry, as a surprise with a smile.



FREE TO EVERYONE, Reach Out offers a simple set of informal Acts of Appreciation that schools of all sorts (and families, churches, associations, and groups large and small) can put to use. How to take part?

In early 2018, start reaching out on-line

- Ideally, find a partner school on a different continent – and shake hands by e-mail. Share the idea of The Big Reach Out, and invite them to join you – and suggest they might in turn invite another school. Friendly local schools might like to know and take part, too.
- And just tell [hughgibbons@just1.org.uk](mailto:hughgibbons@just1.org.uk) so he can count you in and share news.
- Share things with families and friends - in person and on social media
- Churches, groups, teams, communities are also welcome to be counted in – maybe adapting things to suit their setting.

Then any time that suits  
Sunday 13 to Monday 21 May 2018  
**REACH OUT AT SCHOOL!**

Find a few minutes in class or assembly to stage the brief and simple appreciations set out overleaf. You can add or amend anything you like! You'll be reaching out to give a **Big Thank You** in different languages, a **Big Round of Applause**, a **Big Hats Off** and a **Big Big Wave** to send in the direction of the whole world – and a Windsor wedding!





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**For a few minutes anytime that suits during 13-21 May 2018**

You're welcome to modify or embellish these actions – maybe with words or songs or pictures – to suit your setting – classroom, hall, family home, office, club, church, videocall



*AN INTRO? Monday 21 May is the United Nations 2018 World Day for Cultural Diversity. So with many other schools we're uniting in The Big Reach Out.*

*Together we're all going to say and show that we believe in respect, understanding and appreciation of diversity and difference. We're also acclaiming all who give time to humanitarian work - helping those in need and being voices for the voiceless. And as they include Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, we'll be part of a big wedding gift that they'll like.*

### WE WANT TO SHOW THE WORLD THAT WE TOO VALUE AND RESPECT DIVERSITY IN ALL SORTS OF FORMS

We welcome what's given to us by the differences in culture; whether in nationality, race, religion, age, and gender; for example, in school and family and national life, art and literature, politics, music, sport, dress, food, education.



*So shall we give everyone in the world a Big "Thank You",*

*spoken out loud in any language that's different from our usual one?*



### WE ALSO WANT TO SHOW HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE

#### EVERYONE INVOLVED IN HUMANITARIAN AID & RELIEF AGENCIES



These include field workers and volunteers in international or local NGOs; charities working or campaigning to help people in need; volunteers and supporters and wellwishers.

*So shall we reach out and say Thanks and Well Done with Big Applause?*



### WE WANT TO SHOW MEGHAN & HARRY THAT WE CHERISH THEIR OWN HUMANITARIAN WORK

as voices of hope, humanity and inspiration.

*So shall we face in the direction of their wedding place at Windsor, and reach out to them by taking off our (imaginary) hats and saying a Big "Thanks and Well Done, both of you"?*



### AND WE WANT TO THANK THEM AND EVERYONE REACHING OUT TO HELP SOMEONE ELSE – WHEREVER THEY ARE IN THE WORLD

*So shall we do that by giving them all a really Big Wave? (And, hey, maybe blow some XXXXXXXXXX kisses too?)*

