

JUSTICE ACTION DAY

The **Justice Action Day** is a conference for all Tasmanian secondary school students (years 9-12) based on the Millennium Development Goals. It is designed for students already committed to social justice to:

- Increase their knowledge and understanding of the MDGs
- Develop advocacy skills to communicate the need for change

The **Millennium Development Goals** were created by the United Nations. In 2000 all member nations of the UN agreed to work for the implementation of the Goals, by 2015

The UN Millennium Development Goals



1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

We are now past the halfway point of the timeframe for the Millennium Development Goals



Fr. Frank Brennan will be the keynote speaker. Frank is a Jesuit priest, an adjunct fellow at the ANU, Professor of Law at ACU and one of the most prominent speakers on justice issues in Australia.

The Conference will be held on:

DATE Wednesday, 3 September 2008
PLACE Hobart College
TIME 9.00 am – 2.30 pm

Conference activities will include workshops designed for students to express their concern about global problems and the need for governments to do more to implement the MDGs. Activities such as art and craft, drama, music, designing a website and letter writing will be available

A key message is for Australia's Overseas Aid to be:

- * increased to 0.5% of GNI by 2010
- * increased to 0.7% of GNI by 2015

consistent with its fair share of required global totals for each of the goals, particularly basic health services and microfinance

The Conference is organised by the Justice Action Day Committee. The Committee comprises representatives from Tasmanian State, Independent and Catholic schools and non-government development groups and includes school students from various Colleges.

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A call to Tasmanian students to learn about and act to create a better world for it's poor and disadvantaged people