

## TEEN SCENE

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### **Free The Children's Vancouver WE DAY**

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, over 20,000 youth from 700 B.C. schools attended this year's Vancouver WE DAY at Rogers Arena. Young people from across the province, international activists and celebrities gathered to celebrate and empower youth making positive change in the world.

**Free The Children is the world's largest network of children helping children through education and social initiatives. The primary goals of Free The Children are:**

**\* To free children from poverty and exploitation.**

**\*To free young people from the notion that they are powerless to affect positive change in the world.**

Many students from New Westminster's schools attended the spectacular event and are participating in the We Schools in Action Program. These initiatives include the "Halloween For Hunger" food drive, "Vow of Silence" and "One Night Out" campaigns in our community.

### We Schools in Action Program

Millions of young people across the globe don't have the most basic things that we often take for granted: food, clean water, education. The challenges that poverty and inequality create are so large that solutions can only come from our collective effort.

Action by young people across North America that tackles both local and global issues is the strongest step towards a more fair and fulfilled world.

### The Program

A commitment to taking local and global action is part of the We Schools' involvement in WE DAY. Free The Children's We School in Action Program inspires this generation to care about social justice and provides the tools needed to turn inspiration into action.

Launched by the energy and message of WE DAY, We Schools puts students at the forefront of active global citizenship by educating them on social issues and action planning, developing leadership skills and engaging them in world-changing action.

## The Commitment

We Schools commit to taking one local action and one global action, and to share their action plans and accomplishments with the community of We Schools.

The five components of the program:

1. Commit.
2. Get Inspired.
3. Get Informed.
4. Take Action.
5. Share It!

## Benefits

Through their activities and with the support of Free The Children, students are given the opportunity to participate in student - led campaigns, explore and develop their capacity for leadership and to engage with the world in new ways. In turn, their efforts provide tangible benefits for local communities and around the world!

To learn more and get your school involved with the We Schools in Action Program, contact:

[www.freethechildren.com](http://www.freethechildren.com)

**“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”**

**~ Gandhi**