

STREET CHILD AFRICA

‘Are the Millennium Goals helping me?’

Sixth Form Conference
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Conference Outline

KEYNOTE SPEECHES: *Are the Millennium Goals helping street children in Africa?*

Ivan Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development, and **Andrew Mitchell MP**, Shadow Spokesman on International Development, will open the conference by reflecting on the question, “Are the Millennium Goals helping street children in Africa?”

PRESENTATION: *Africa and the Millennium Goals*

David Simon, Professor of Developmental Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London. Prof. Simon will introduce students to aspects of modern Africa, exploring the complexity of the continent and outline its many challenges in the context of the Millennium Development Goals.

PRESENTATION: *Working with street children in Senegal*

Mr Moussa Sow, Director of Avenir de l’Enfant. Moussa will explore the many issues facing children who live on the streets of Dakar and Rufisque and the challenges of helping them based on his own experience working on the streets.

SEMINARS:

There are ten seminars (each student will attend two: one in the morning and one in the afternoon) led by development experts, academics and other eminent speakers. These will cover:

- Street children – prevention and early intervention
- Exploring the lives of street girls in Accra, Ghana
- How to lobby Government for change
- What’s global trade got to do with street children?
- Working with street children through drama and storytelling
- Risk in the daily lives of street children
- Street work – putting trustworthy adults into street children’s lives
- How to organise gap year volunteering in Africa
- Child trafficking in Nigeria
- The new face of African families

FINAL PLENARY: in “Question Time” format

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