

## International Development Week

International Development Week is celebrated in Canada in the first full week of February each year. We take this time to **celebrate how Canadians have helped** reduce poverty and give humanitarian assistance (food, shelter, medical care and more) around the world.

## Who are **Global Citizens**?

Global Citizens are people who understand that the **actions** they take here affect others all around the world. They take an active role in their community and **work with others** to make our planet more peaceful, sustainable and fair.

## What are the **Sustainable Development Goals**?

The **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** were created in 2015, when 193 countries from around the world agreed to try to achieve these **17 Goals** by the year **2030**. They came into effect on January 1, 2016, and hope to solve problems the world is facing by 2030. You can see all 17 goals listed at the bottom of the page or learn more at: [sdgs.un.org](http://sdgs.un.org)

## What can **I do**?

### Take action

- Find an issue you care about
- Put up a poster
- Write an article
- Write your local politician
- Volunteer

### Learn More

- Watch a documentary
- Read a book from the library
- Ask yourself how these issues affect your community & school

### Support

Host a fundraiser for an organization that's helping:

- online talent show
- silent auction
- create and sell a cookbook / calendar
- sell Fairtrade items

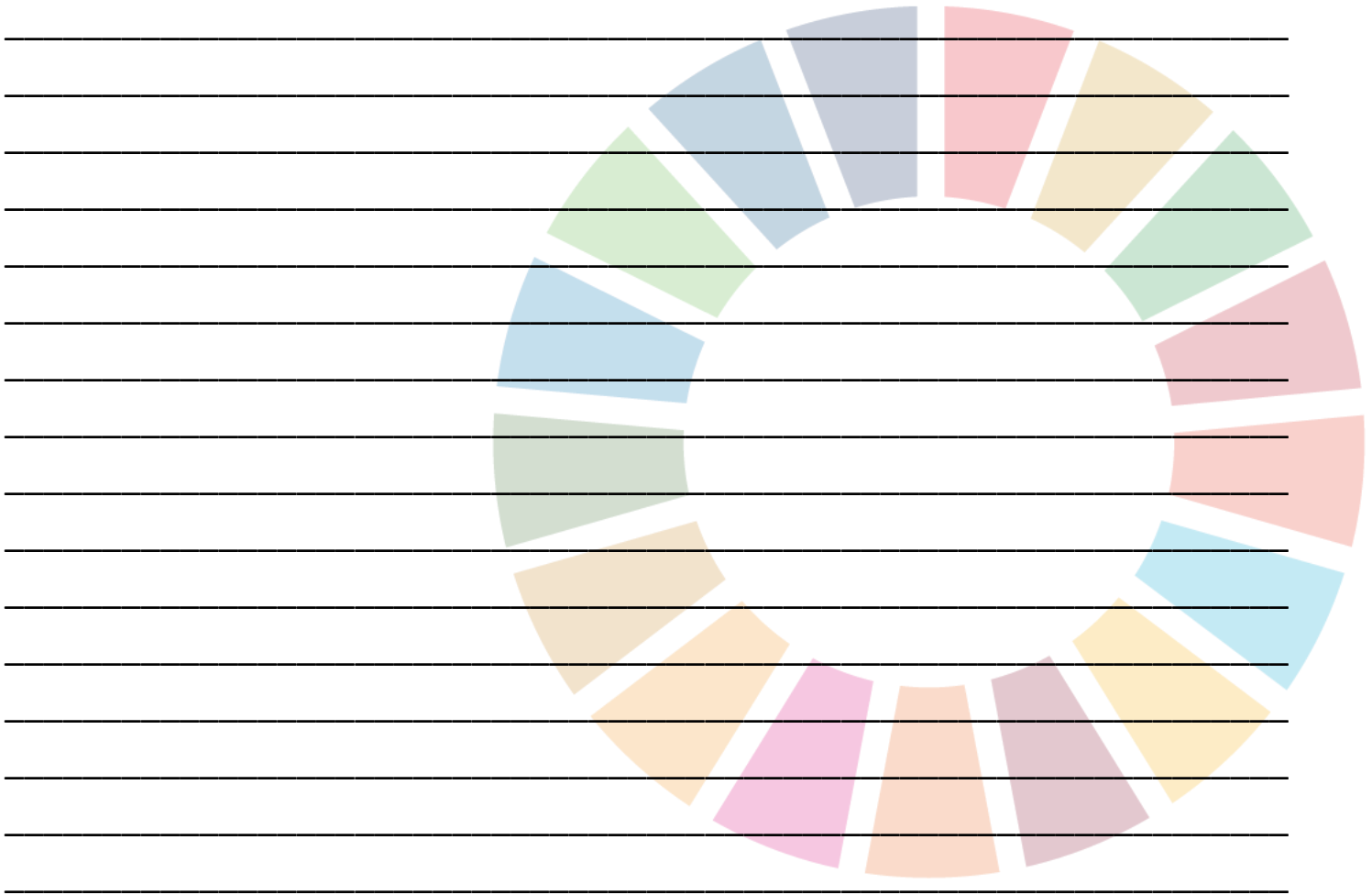
### Raise your voice

- Create a video and share
- Present at your school
- Share a petition
- Create a poster

**More ideas:**  
[dosomething.org](http://dosomething.org)



Which **Sustainable Development Goals** are the most important to you? As **global citizens**, how can we help reach these goals?



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