

# Home Run in COLOUR

Fill your day with colour and help Habitat change the world!

Friends School Lisburn took part in the schools programme for the first time in 2015. Motivated to deliver on their fundraising goal the pupils formed a small committee to come up with a fundraising plan and the Colour Me FSL was born!

Friends agreed that we share their experience to encourage other schools to take part in what we have called 'Home Run in Colour' to raise funds for Habitat.

## Why Habitat for Humanity

Habitat works where it matters most; at the heart of communities, beside families in need, offering a 'hand-up' out of poverty through simple, decent housing.

A simple home changes lives. Families are healthier, children do better in school and parents' income stabilises.

In Northern Ireland, and around the world, when we bring people together to build we break down barriers and we create stronger communities where everyone has the opportunity to grow.

Home is the start of it, for all of us, and we are determined to open the door to a brighter future for hundreds of families who are in urgent need of a place to call home.





## Colour Me FSL

Almost all of the pupils - sporting sunglasses and fancy dress - took part in the event which took place in schools grounds in April 2015. Many pupils described it as the 'best day ever' and the school raised more than £15,000 for Habitat for Humanity.

You can watch a shortfilm here [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjuM27\\_1Y7U&sns=fb](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjuM27_1Y7U&sns=fb)

## How does it work?

The most colourful day in your school calendar does need good planning, great skills development for young people an opportunity to plan and manage an event which has the potential to be the happiest day in their school life.

Pupils (and teachers) run a 1 km circuit while being showered with coloured paint is exciting, messy and great fun!

## Practical stuff

- Form a pupil committee to organise the event (with a few supportive teachers)
- Appoint an Event Manager (a teacher)
- Choose a suitable date for your school.
- Define a suitable circuit in your school grounds (1km)
- Seek sponsorship to help subsidise the costs (paint, T-shirts, banners, sunglasses)
- Get logos, sponsor forms and other support from Habitat office (including suppliers of all the materials)
- Promote to pupils and parents

## Go for it in colour!

- Staff and other volunteers manned the paint 'Throwing Stations'
- Pupils ran in their year groups
- Warm up Area
- First Aid Area

## What are the costs?

The costs were approx £7.50 per head to include paint, T-Shirt, sunglasses and a paint party following the run.

Pupils were charged £5.00 to encourage everyone to take part and to raise as much money as possible.

## Cleaning up

Yes, there was paint on pupils, grass and pavements. The paint is entirely biodegradable and there was no permanent damage to either people or property.

## Organising your own Home Run in Colour

The event was one of the most successful in the Friends School Lisburn calendar bringing together pupils, staff and the wider school community for a great cause.

If you would like to know more about how you could organise a Home Run in Colour at your school please get in touch with Habitat on 028 92 635 635.



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