



**Dear Teacher,**

The Big Trócaire Poster Competition is back, and this year we have teamed it with The Big Blue Trócaire Bake Sale! We are inviting all primary schools across Ireland, north and south, to take part!

You have met two remarkable children with equally remarkable families on the Trócaire Box this year, Joy-Faith and Jocsan.

Around the world, women are on the frontline of protecting their families from grave threats. Whether it is conflict, hunger or a lack of rights, these women are holding their families together and battling enormous odds to provide for their children.

Joy-Faith's mother, Madris, is trying to protect her children from the devastating impact of climate change in Kenya and Jocsan's mother, Angela, is standing up to corrupt corporations in Honduras.

Through the curriculum, whether it be SPHE, Religion or Art, talk to your students about the lives of Joy-Faith & Jocsan and ask them to create a poster to tell their story. Display the posters in your school hall for all to see before sending them to us. Host a Big Blue Trócaire Bake Sale for Trócaire on the same day, celebrating your art with blue sweets and treats!

Send your poster entries to us by April 3rd and winners will be announced before the summer holidays. There are great prizes up for grabs, and the winning posters will be featured on the Trócaire website, Facebook and Instagram page!

Thank you for your ongoing support, it really means so much to us.

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If you would like to learn more please download our classroom activities from [www.trocaire.org/education/motherearth](http://www.trocaire.org/education/motherearth). Here you will find several resources including a Teachers' Booklet and Photopack, which will further engage your pupils about the families featured on this year's Trócaire Box.

**Please return your entries to:**

Schools Officer, Trócaire, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare

For further information or to book a free school visit during Lent contact [schools@trocaire.org](mailto:schools@trocaire.org).