

### **Activity ideas 23: Living on one pound a day (40 minutes to a full day)**

When talking about global poverty people often refer to the poverty line. As mentioned in the introduction above, the poverty line varies across countries and time. However, the World Bank sets an international poverty line, or poverty threshold. This was updated in October 2015 to \$1.90 or £1.30 a day. This means there are people in the world who have only £1.30 or less to spend each day. With this money they need to pay for rent, electricity, water, food, transport, clothing, etc.

What would it be like to live on £1.30 a day? Ask your students to plan a week where they can spend just £1.30. What would they be able to do or not do? Ask students to consider transport, food, materials for school and leisure activities. You could also challenge your students to try and actually live on £1.30 for one day.

#### **Related lesson activities from the main KS3 section:**

- Activity 2: Key concepts
- Activity 10: Signs of poverty
- Activity 11: Poverty trap