



## Some Examples of Action projects may include:

- Helping others within the school
- Assisting at Homework club
- Assisting at sports clubs or music groups etc.
- Breakfast club
- Fundraising for charity
- Caring for the environment
- Celebrating diversity / promoting inclusiveness
- Parish work
- Visits to the elderly or the sick
- Assisting at St Vincent de Paul or other charitable organisations.
- Visiting hospitals or nursing homes

Students in senior classes in secondary school might think about developing their project through the **Young Social Innovators' Action Programme.**

Contact the YSI Education Team on **01 645 8030** or at [educate@youngsocialinnovators.ie](mailto:educate@youngsocialinnovators.ie) for information on training, resources, supports and events.

Or see our website [www.youngsocialinnovators.org](http://www.youngsocialinnovators.org)



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# The Edmund Rice Community Project

Calling Young People in Edmund Rice Schools to ask the Question:

"What can I do in my school or community in the present time in the spirit of Blessed Edmund?"



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*"But let us do ever so little for God,  
we will be sure he will never forget  
nor let it pass unrewarded"*

*"Have courage, the good seed will grow in the childrens' heart"  
"Give to the Poor in handfuls"*

## Elements of the Project

### 1. Learning

In class students will learn about the life and deeds of Blessed Edmund Rice.

### 2. Planning

The teacher will guide and encourage the students as they seek appropriate and practical responses to needs identified in their school or community.

### 3. Action

A minimum of 10 hours of social justice work will be completed by the student, individually or in groups.

### 4. Reflection

Time will be spent in class on thoughtful reflection and consideration of the work done in the light of the gospel and the teaching of Jesus.

### 5. Report

The students will submit a report on their project to their teacher, detailing their involvement and learning in each element of their project. A log of each session will be part of this report.

### 6. Presentation

Students will make a presentation of their work to the Board of Management towards the end of the school year. This will provide an opportunity for the members of the Board to witness at first hand the learning that is taking place in the school.

Through the **Edmund Rice Community Project** young people are encouraged to play an active role in responding to the needs of others in their school or community in the spirit of the life of Edmund Rice.

This project is open to students at both Primary and Secondary level.

This project is about participation rather than competition. The Board of Management and the Edmund Rice Schools Trust will award certificates to participants who complete all six elements of the project.

Students may undertake the project individually or in groups.



— What Blessed Edmund Said:

*"The will of God be done in this and everything we undertake."*

*"Were we to know the merit and the value of only going from one street to another to serve a neighbour for the love of God, we would prize it more than silver or gold"*

*"One thing you may be sure of, that while you work for God, whether you succeed or not, he will amply reward you."*