



Your Global Responsibility: Connecting with the World

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We're All Connected

Even though you might live in the **United Kingdom**, your actions affect people on the other side of the planet. When you buy a t-shirt made in **Bangladesh**, wear trainers made in **Vietnam**, or eat chocolate from **Ghana**, you're connected to workers and farmers far away. This means you have a **global responsibility** — a duty to think about how your choices impact others.

Think of it like a giant spiderweb. Everyone is connected by threads. When you pull one thread, it affects the whole web, even the parts you can't see.

What Does Global Responsibility Mean?

Global responsibility means caring about fairness, the environment, and human rights everywhere — not just in your own country. It includes understanding that **poverty**, **climate change**, and unfair working conditions affect millions of people worldwide.

You can show global responsibility by:

Making ethical choices about what you buy. Does the company treat its workers fairly? Does it protect the environment? Reducing your waste so fewer resources are used globally. Learning about different cultures and respecting people from other backgrounds. Supporting **fair trade** products, where farmers and workers are paid proper wages. Raising awareness about global issues like **child labour** and **deforestation**.

Why Should You Care?

Every person on Earth has the same **human rights** — including the right to clean water, food, education, and safety. Around **700 million** people live in extreme poverty, struggling with problems we can help solve through our choices.

Think of it like being part of a team. When one teammate struggles, it affects the whole team. When you help others succeed, everyone benefits.

Taking Action Today

You don't need to save the world alone, but small actions matter. Choose products from fair trade companies. Reduce plastic use. Learn about global issues. Be kind to people from different backgrounds. Vote when you're old enough. Support charities that help people in need.

Being a **global citizen** means understanding that we're all responsible for making the world better. Your choices today shape the world of tomorrow.