

STOP HATRED BEFORE IT STARTS



Children at school in Pakistan

At school, Jacob's teachers and fellow students treat him like a second-class citizen and taunt him, saying he will never be more than a cleaner – all because of his faith.

Discrimination against religious minorities at school teaches intolerance and fuels religious hatred. Together we must ensure that education in Pakistan promotes understanding and equality, regardless of religion or belief.

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THIS PETITION**

To the Foreign Secretary and Secretary of State for International Development

Please work with the education authorities in Pakistan to ensure that UK AID is not used to fund biased textbooks that promote prejudice. Also, please actively support educational and interfaith initiatives that promote mutual understanding between religious groups.

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PLEASE SIGN AND SEND THIS PETITION BACK TO CSW, Freepost, PO Box 99, New Malden, Surrey, KT3 3YF by 18 May 2018

*By ticking 'Keep me Updated' you agree that CSW can hold your basic details for the purpose of sending you information on our work and keeping a record of your support. We do not pass your details on to other organisations. If you have any concerns please call us on 0845 456 5464.

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When will the petition be handed in?

1 June 2018, International Children's Day.

Why should I sign?

Firstly, because no child should be taught to hate. School textbooks in Pakistan are littered with discriminatory ideas and hate speech, teaching that religious minorities (including Christians, Ahmadi Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs) are inferior and don't belong in Pakistan.

So many of the injustices we see in our world today are rooted in hatred that's learned in a child's early years. Religious fundamentalism is at worrying levels in Pakistan, with terrorism claiming hundreds of lives over the past few years alone. To stop this tide of violence, we need to tackle hatred in the education system before it takes root.

Secondly, because every child deserves to have dreams. Jacob was forced to give up on his dreams. He was told that because he's Christian, all he'll ever be is a cleaner. We want to make sure that textbooks no longer entrench this view, and instead celebrate the contribution of religious minorities and foster diversity.

How will this petition make a difference?

Pakistan receives more in UK aid than any other country. It's right that we should give to a country where so many children live in poverty. However, we also need to ensure that instead of fuelling prejudice, our money is enabling children to help themselves out of poverty and become good citizens.

At the same time as we are applying pressure in the UK, groups within Pakistan, including our partners the National Commission for Justice and Peace and the Cecil & Iris Chaudhry Foundation, are campaigning on the same issue, lobbying provincial governments and education authorities there.

What will you do with the petition?

The petition will go to both the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for International Development. That's because we need the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Development to work together to address this issue.

What else can I do?

Take a look at faithandafuture.com/getinvolved. There you'll find campaign resources, films to share, actions you can take, and more.