



## SOURCE 1

**FACTSHEET: Out of school children**

According to estimates by the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, 68 million children of primary school age were out of school in 2008 compared to 106 million children were out of school.

In 2007, 43% (30.4 million) of all out of school children lived in Sub-Saharan Africa. In comparison 25% (17.7 million) lived in South and West Asia. Together, these two regions accounted for two thirds of the global out-of-school population.

Many children do not go to school because their parents cannot afford basic education and they are needed for jobs like collecting water and looking after younger siblings whilst their parents work.

**We need to take action. Education should not cost money. It should be a cost-free basic human right, offered globally to all children of primary school age.**

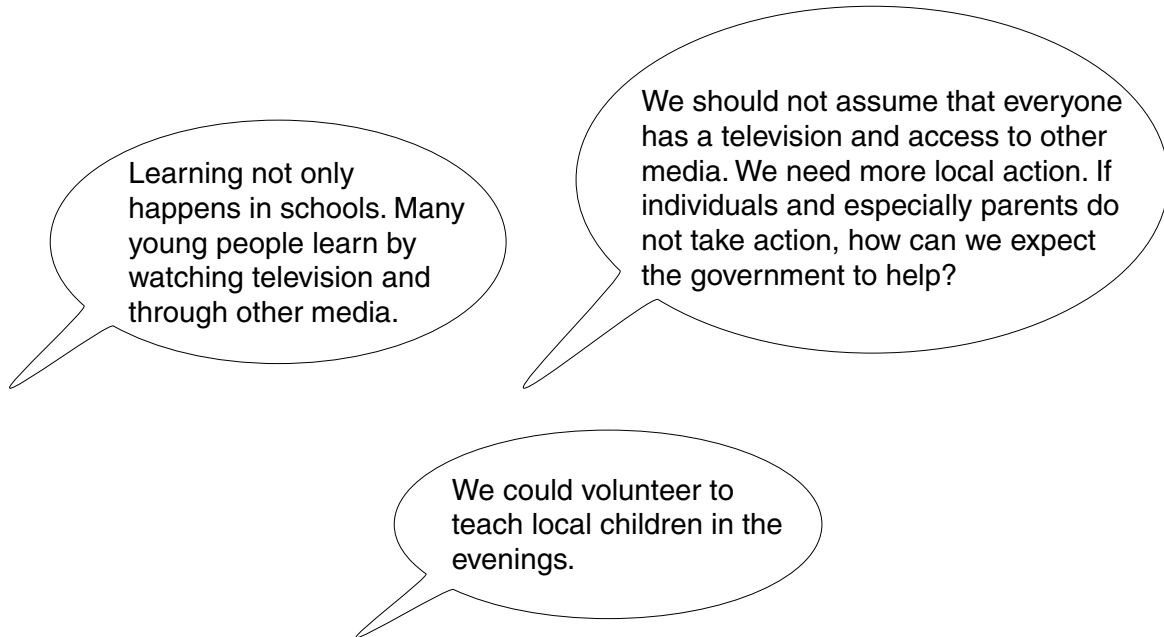
## SOURCE 2

**Education for all – poem**

The right to learn  
 The power to earn  
 Improved education  
 Strengthens a nation  
 Not just the wealthy  
 For those that can afford  
 But for everyone  
 A goal to applaud  
 A way out of poverty  
 A means of security  
 Promoting equality  
 When given opportunity  
 Education for all  
 What are we waiting for?

**SOURCE 3**

The following comments were overheard by the teacher during a discussion about how children learn:

**SOURCE 4****Education for all – blogspot****Adam**

I was one of 27 young people from all over the world that took part in the Education for All conference last week. The focus was on enabling more children around the world to enjoy a good, cost-free education, just like we had. Where you are born should not determine whether you get a good education or not – it is just not right that a large percentage of children never get the opportunity to go to school. It is up to us to speak out about this injustice.

A good education is about helping young people to be global citizens who stand up for their rights. UNESCO report that all over the world young people are facing challenges: girls are kept out of school because they have to do chores and jobs in their homes; children with disabilities do not receive the attention and support they need; teachers are poorly trained and schools do not have enough books.

**Nathalie**

It is up to parents to make sure that all children go to school. In some parts of the world education is cost-free so in these countries there is no excuse for children not to be in school. In some other countries it costs money to send children to school, but even if it were cost-free some children would still not go to school as they do not like it.

I think the government has other priorities such as making sure we are all healthy and have access to good hospitals. This is what should be free, because we all need our health. However, I believe you can still do things without an education. Just look at my father – he left school at 16 and now runs his own business.

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