

One Small Candle – Final Report

1. Learning and Knowledge Gained

- a) Learning – When we first had the idea of One Small Candle, we had never made candles before, designed logos, made an advertising video or worked with local charities and community organisations. We had also never given an interview with Metro.co.uk. Now we have learnt all those skills. It was hard work but worth it.
- a) Skills – We have learnt patience and attention to detail and organisation skills from the candle making part, team work from the packaging of hundred's of candles, design skills from working with our volunteer professional designer. We have also become more confident about speaking to newspapers, members of the public and charity workers.
- b) Knowledge about our community – We had seen GraceAid.org.uk open up a shop in our community but as soon as we asked if we could raise money for them, they invited us to look around and learn about what they do. When we raised enough money to buy them a delivery van, they sent us photos of it delivering food and clothing to refugee children and their families in Europe. We are now working with GRACEaid to see if we can make more candles by running workshops for local families and refugees to learn to make them with us.
- c) Understanding of the SDG's – Our founder, Jacob and his family went to the UN HQ in New York to learn more about the SDG's. Jacob bought a Together Band which supports refugees and celebrates the SDGs. We are confident that One Small Candle reduces inequality (we financially support refugees – SDG 10), uses enterprise (we made money from our ideas SDG 9) , supports responsible production (all our materials are either recycled, recyclable or organic SDG 12) and works in partnership to reach the goals (we work with local, national and global organisations and local, national and global young people our age on this project – SDG 17)

2. Our Impact on others and the community

- a) Measuring and demonstrating how our project has helped to address one or more of the global goals

We estimate that the money raised by making and selling candles has benefited the lives of around 2000 refugees our age and their families. We know that by our community buying our sustainably made candles, together with them we are helping meet responsible production and consumption (SDG 12)

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- b) Number of students, community members and organisations involved and impacted by our project

The six of us have worked with another ten young people in our community. We have also sent a candle making kit to a school in Macedonia, a group of friends in India and Jacob has run a live webinar for a school in California. We have joined Social Enterprise UK, Jacob and Teddy are HundrED.org Youth Ambassadors and Jacob has spoken about One Small Candle at the HundrED Youth Ambassador Summit in Helsinki. We are now working with other HundrED Youth Ambassadors around the world to support refugees in their communities by making candles using our instruction video and starter kits. We have also had our first order to sell our candles at the Eden Project in Cornwall. We hope to one day sell our candles at all the Eden Projects around the world.

Number of hours spent working on the project

200+

3. Special Recognition

- a) How we have involved other partners

We contacted Circla.com, a sustainable travel toiletries company and asked them to donate their old packaging which we upcycled for our own candles.

The money we raised meant GRACEaid were able to buy their first delivery van, which has supported thousands of refugees in Europe.

The Worshipful Company of Wax Chandlers heard about us, invited us to present to them at their hall in the City of London and donated £100 for us to make up our first candle making kits to send around the world.

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- b) How we have considered sustainability.

The Eden Project have very strict criteria for the sustainability of all the products they sell in their shops. We were delighted that we passed all their tests and were accepted as an official supplier. We even had a special video message from Eden's founder Sir Tim Smit.