Gather loose change

Scouts gather up loose change around their house and pool it to give to a local charity.

Section: All
Time: 1 hour
Where: Home, Den

1 NO POVERTY

PLAN

This activity is about gathering some funds for a local charity and the process of choosing who to give it to. The scouts themselves need to pick the charity. As this activity could be spread over a few sessions, be sure to decide when the money will be give to the charity, and allow for a review of the activity. You can always use Go Fund Me to do this activity online.

DO

Encourage the section to figure out how local charities tie in with the UN SDGs, specifically SDG 1 No Poverty if possible. Have a chat and work together to pick your final charity -you can select more than one.
Simply gather up any loose change at home – with permission of course! You could also approach family members, friends or neighbours to get involved to for your charity. They might also decide to add in some of their own pocket money or wages.
Pool all funds and arrange to get them to the selected local charity. Be sure that the scouts themselves take part in passing on the funds, whether that is simply bringing a stack of coins to a collection box, or meeting a representative of the charity in uniform and taking a few photographs.

REVIEW

Have a chat with the scouts about their chosen charity and their coin collecting.

- Were they motivated to help that charity?
- Where was the weirdest place that they found some coins?
- How did helping the charity make them feel?
- Why do local charities exist?
- Would they like to find other ways to help this, or other local charities in the future?

In a nutshell...

- Scouts choose a charity to fundraise for.
- They search their home for loose change, and check with family, friends and neighbours for theirs.
- They then donate the money to their charity, and discuss the value of their work.

Follow-on

Why not arrange for someone from your chosen charities to talk to the scouts, or a visit to see their work so you can learn more and do more for the cause

SDG 1 No Poverty

 SDG 1 is to eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, currently measured as people living on less than $1.25 a day.

The activity opens scouts eyes to issues of poverty in their own community and empowers them to take further action.

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