



I'd like to introduce myself; my name is Sharon Matthews; I've recently started a new role as CAFOD's local Education Coordinator for Hexham and Newcastle Diocese, working alongside Mark Maughan who is now Parish focused.

Having enjoyed working in the diocese of Hallam as a primary school teacher for approximately 25 years, and RE coordinator for the last 5 years, I'm now delighted to be part of the CAFOD team. For those who aren't familiar, CAFOD is the official overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales reaching out to people who live in poverty, so that every woman, man and child can live a full and dignified life.

CAFOD provides our schools with resources and sessions that are delivered by our School Volunteer Visitors. As an RE coordinator, I really valued CAFOD's visits; their mission and values were integral to our school. Our School Volunteer, Rita, was a regular visitor; the children knew her, what she represented, and they looked forward to her visits. And it is here that I ask for your support, as we are in need of a few more visitors in the Hexham and Newcastle Diocese.

Could you be a CAFOD Schools Volunteer?

Wanted! – volunteers to help children/students learn about the work of CAFOD. Could you help your local school deliver assemblies and/or workshops that encourage young people to put faith into action to help others? It would only require a few hours of your time each term and you would be assisting your local community to work together for the Common Good. No experience is necessary, and full support and training will be given.

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