# SOCIAL JUSTICE



# FROM CHARITY TO JUSTICE

# STEP 1

### ACT CHARITABLY



Give money, food and goods. This helps meet immediate needs and is vital. But take the next steps also to get to the root of the injustice and help prevent ongoing poverty.

## STEP 2

### RAISE AWARENESS



Inform yourself on the issues. Share the relevant facts with others. Show them how they too can help. Invite them to get on board with your initiatives.

# SIEP 3

### **ACT IN SOLIDARITY**



When you "walk in the shoes" of the vulnerable you start to understand, with compassion, the injustices they face and look for ways to respond appropriately.

# STEP 4

### **ACT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Change your way of life (e.g. buy slave-free products).

Create effective lasting change. Address the underlying issues. Speak/write to those who have the power to effect change (e.g. politicians, business leaders).

### **EXAMPLE**

At a school, in NAIDOC Week, each student drew around their hand, decorated it in Indigenous styles and colours and paid \$2.00. The school entrance was lined with the hands (Charity & Solidarity Action).

The school invited Indigenous representatives to speak at assembly **(Awareness Raising)**. The school got "Close the Gap" postcards. Students sent them to their local politicians and to the Prime Minister **(Action for Justice)**