



Section	Network	Last Updated	15 th July 2011
Theme / Month		Length of Activity	1h
Programme Zone	Global		
Title	Zimbabwe's forgotten Children		
Summary	Introduces Network Scouts to Esther and Tino, orphaned children in Zimbabwe. Stimulates discussion.		
Details	<p><u>Resources:</u></p> <p>The 20 minute film 'Zimbabwe's Forgotten Children', available on http://www.soschildrensvillages.org.uk/charity-news/archive/2011/04/i-will-be-a-success-watch-how-esthers-life-has-changed or on DVD by post from Helen@soschildren.org.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <p>Start with a brainstorm on Zimbabwe: what do you already know? Draw a spider diagram if you wish.</p> <p>Watch the 18 minute film.</p> <p>Questions to reflect on afterwards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SOS Children is an NGO working in Zimbabwe with the government's reluctant permission. How much responsibility should we expect the Zimbabwean government to take for children like Esther and Tino, and under what circumstances may they be exempt from this responsibility? (The UN convention on the rights of the child stresses that arranging alternative care for children who are orphaned is the responsibility of governments). 2. The reason behind why Esther and Tino are orphaned is quite clear, but SOS Children looks after children on all continents, including Europe and North America. Why are children orphaned in seemingly 'rich' countries? (Common reasons include parents' poor mental health and drug/alcohol abuse, especially in Eastern Europe and Russia). 3. What can you do as a troop in the UK to support children like Esther and Tino? Discuss positive and negative aspects of different forms of action such as campaigning and lobbying, responsible consumerism (FairTrade, boycott), donating to charities and volunteering (in the UK and abroad). 		