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This resource was published by the previous Children's Commissioner, Sally Holland.

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# The Revolve Project

KS2 Accessible Activity



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*This is a lesson plan focusing on the impact clothing production can have on our environment.*

*Pupils will be encouraged to think about ways in which they could re-use school uniforms to reduce that impact. The Revolve Project could be delivered as a lesson to KS2 pupils or as an activity for your School Council. We suggest it being run with small groups.*

Before running this activity with your class you might want to think about any groups in your community that are already running re-use shops. There is not just one way of setting up a shop or scheme. Your pupils may want to join up with something that is already available or create their own.

## Links to children's rights

**Article 3** - Adults should always do what is best for you

**Article 12** – The right to be listened to and taken seriously

**Article 15** – The right to join groups and make friends

**Article 26** – My family should get the money they need to help bring me up

**Article 28** - The right to an education

**Article 29** – The right to an education which develops my personality respect for others rights and the environment

## Timing:

This session will last 60 minutes.

## Learning Outcomes:

- Children will have learnt about the environmental impact of clothes (with a focus on school uniforms).
- Children will have explored Article 12: the right to be listened to and taken seriously
- Children will create their own action plan to create change in their school

## Resources

- [Video clip](#) of Children's Commissioner introducing resource
- **'Tale of a T-Shirt' Cards**
- **'Tale of a T-Shirt' Activity Sheet**
- [CCFW animation film](#)
- **Big Ideas Handout Sheet**

# The Revolve Project

## Key Vocabulary

*Recycle, Sustainable, Children's Commissioner for Wales, Reuse, Environment, Affordable, Impact Introduction*

## Introduction:

- Show pupils the video of the Children's Commissioner for Wales, Sally Holland, introducing the resource.
- Give each pupil/ pair an image from the **Tale of a T-Shirt activity**.
- Explain to the group that you will be looking at the impact making clothes has on our environment. Tell pupils there are lots of different materials used to make clothes (you may want to have some examples to show), but in today's lesson you will be focusing on cotton.
- Explain to the class that you are going to talk about how a cotton t-shirt is made. Use the **Tale of a t-shirt pictures** to start conversations with the group about the process of making a cotton t-shirt.
- We suggest asking the following questions:

**Farmer working the land/ farmer planting a seed:** What does this have to do with making a cotton t-shirt? Where do you think cotton is made?

**Farmer watering the seed:** How much water do you think it takes to make enough cotton for one t-shirt? Write down pupils guesses and tell them you will come back to those guesses later in the session.

- **Farmer picking the cotton/ person sewing the t-shirt:** Do you think these people are treated fairly in their job? Why is it important to be treated fairly?

## Main:

- Show pupils picture three (watering the cotton) again, **remind them of their guesses** that they made earlier on in the session. Tell pupils that you are going to **watch a video** which explains how much water is used to grow cotton and how much of an impact that has on the environment.
- After watching the film **revisit the pupils' guesses** about how many litres of water they thought it took. Discuss how close/ far away from the actual amount of 2,270 litres they were.

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- Inform pupils that Sally Holland, the Children's Commissioner for Wales has been working with schools in Wales to start the Revolve Project. The Revolve Project is an exciting opportunity for schools to make a change in Wales. The Children's Commissioner is asking schools in Wales to think about how they could encourage more children to **reuse their school uniforms** by setting up a uniform shop in their school or local area. If you already have a shop in your school or local area then you could ask pupils to think about how it could be improved.
- Explain that you are going to work as a class to think about how your school can take part in The Revolve Project.

## Finish:

- Work together to fill in the **Big Ideas sheet**.
- Create a list of actions that would need to happen for the Revolve Project to take place in your school.

Ask groups to feedback their ideas. Use our action plan template to work together to create a list of actions that would need to happen for The Revolve Project to take place and delegate actions in the group, with a deadline for pupils to complete tasks: e.g. ask teachers to help, start getting uniform donations, make posters.

Share your ideas with us by filing in the survey on the next page

## Follow on activity:

Use the images from the **Tale of a T-Shirt** to create a display in your school explaining how cotton production can impact on the environment.

Using the **Tale of a T-Shirt Worksheet** ask pupils to write down the journey cotton takes to become a T-shirt.

Focussing on the **starred cards from tale of a t-shirt**, pupils may wish to explore some of the issues further. For example: looking into the countries that produce cotton, or looking into the benefits of other materials. You could use the illustrations in our KS2 lesson plan to do a sequencing activity with your class.

## Share with us:

Why don't you share your pictures of the Revolve project in action with us?

Tweet @childcomwales to share your ideas.

## Share with us

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Scan this QR code to complete a short survey about how you've found our resource and if it has helped your school.



# Tale of a t-shirt

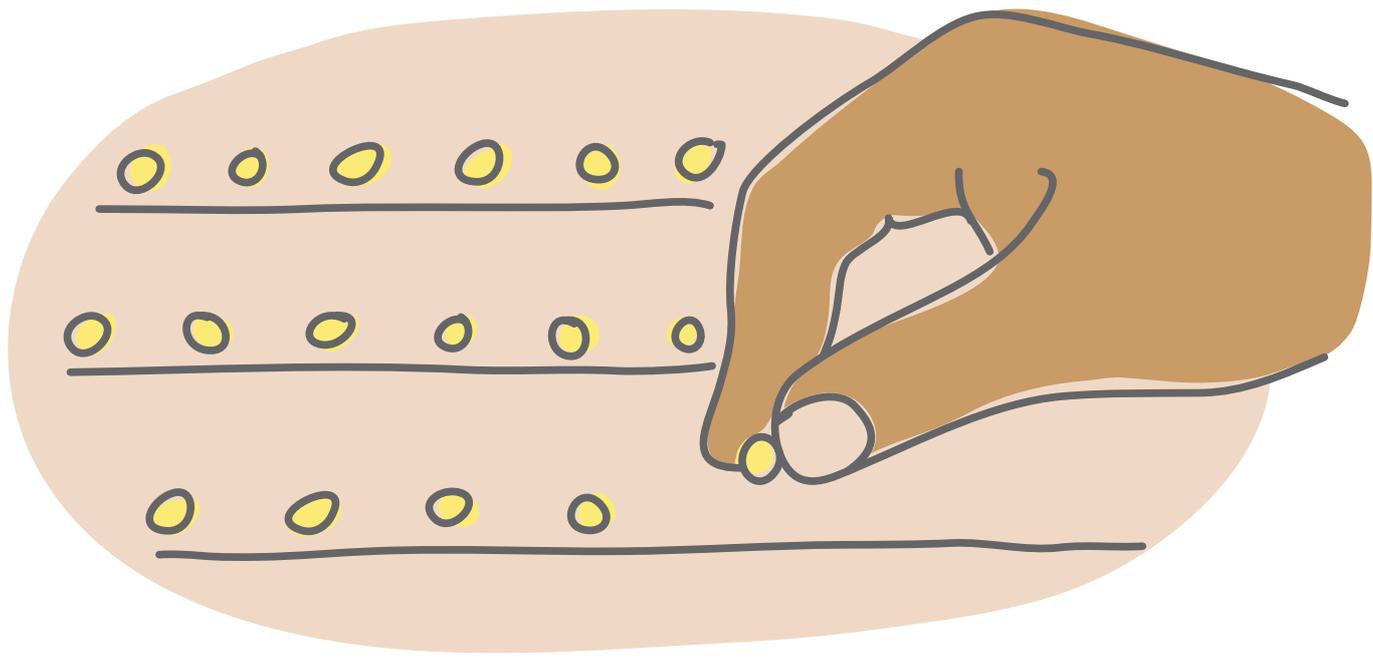
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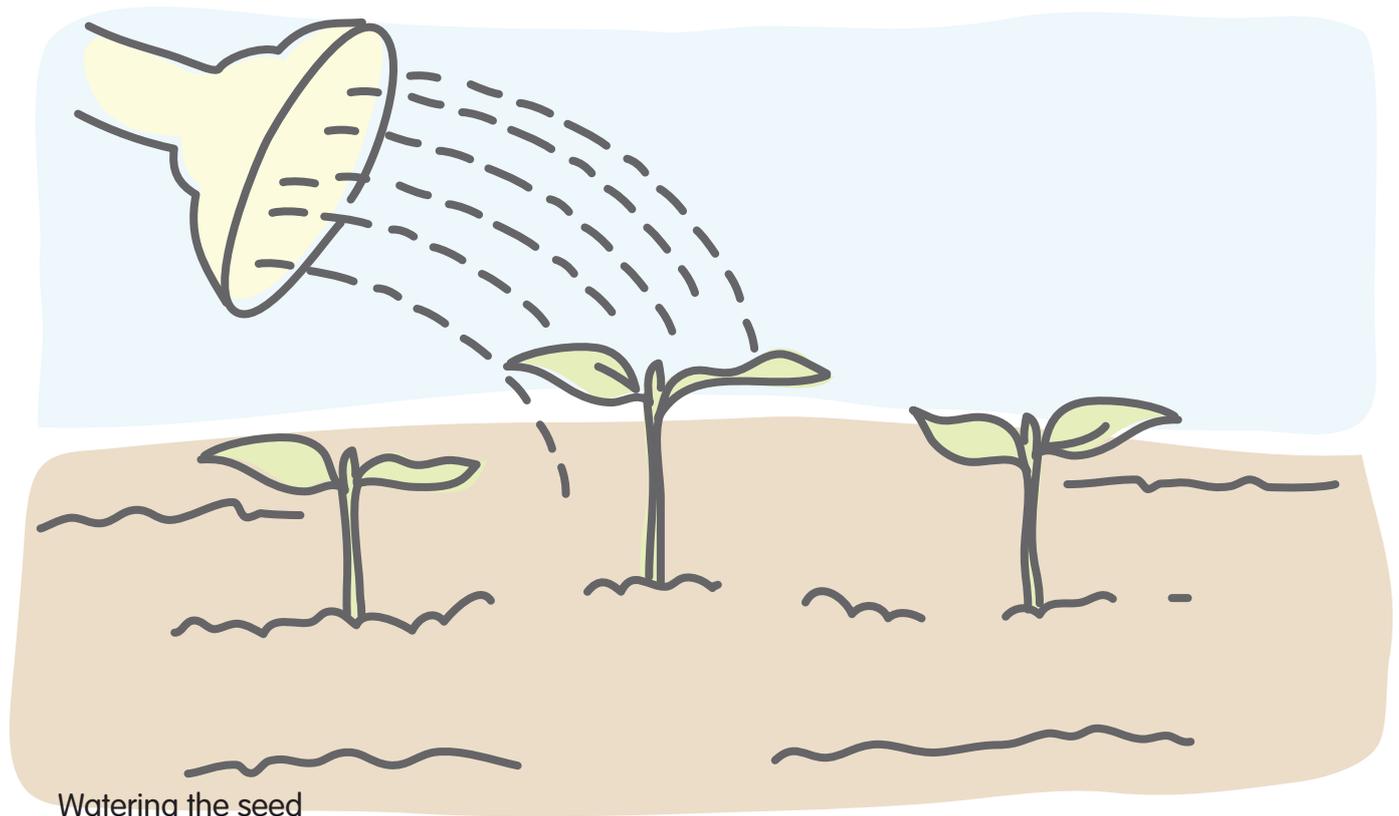
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- Planting the seed
- Watering the seed
- Picking the cotton
- Cutting the cotton to make t-shirts



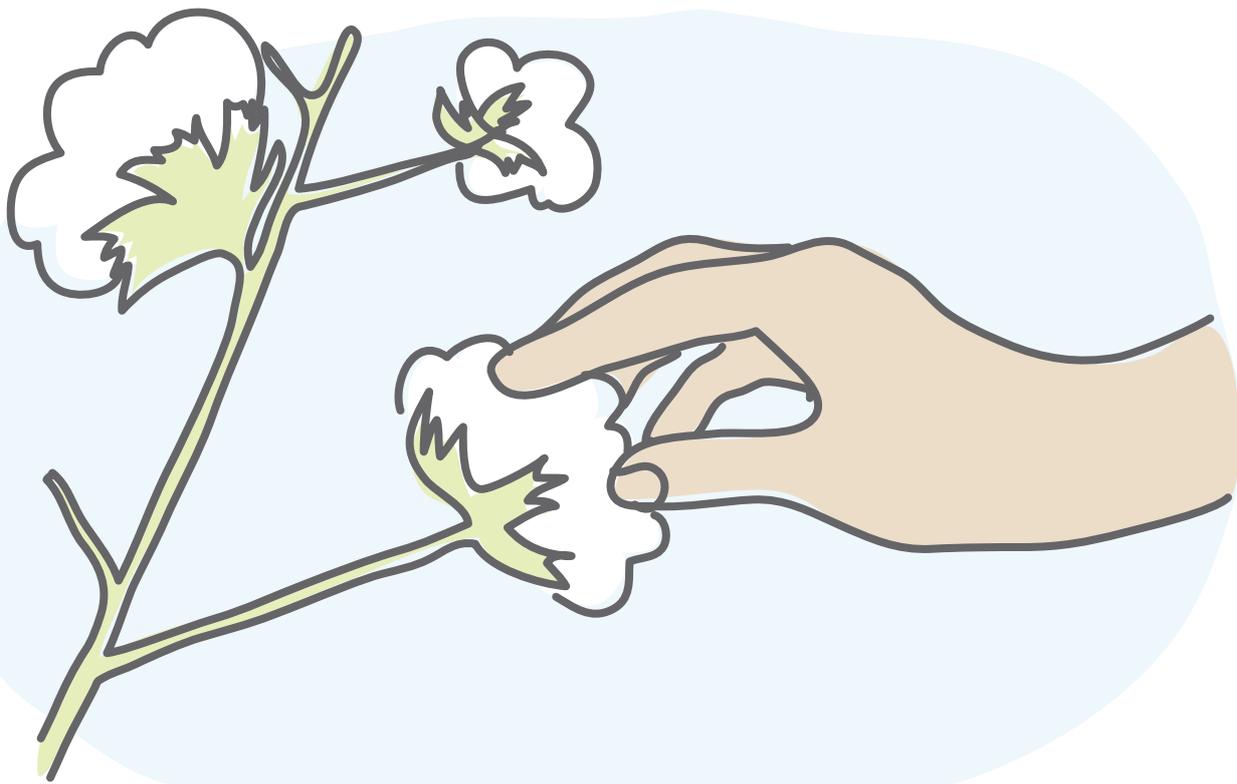
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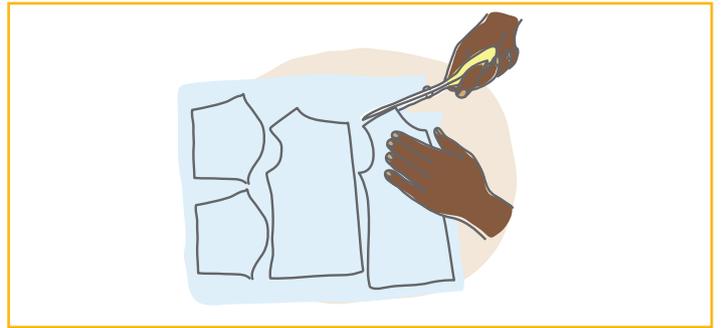
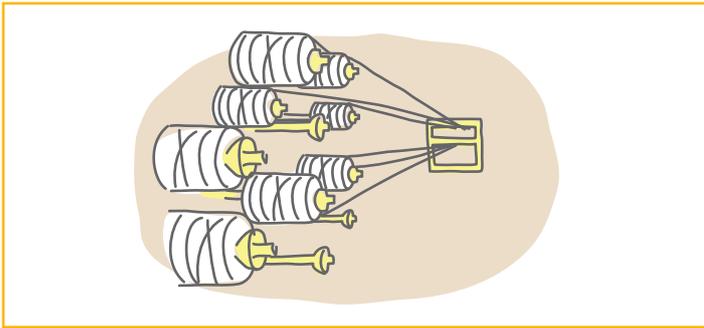
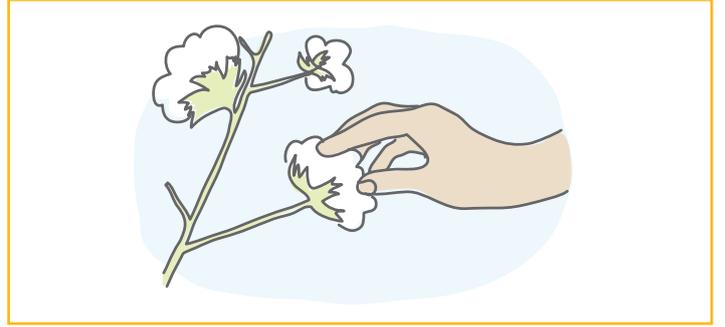
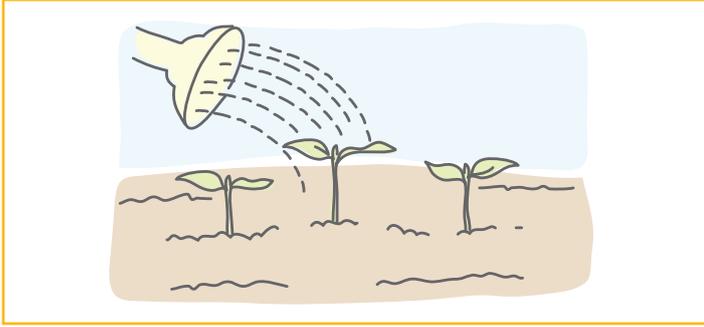
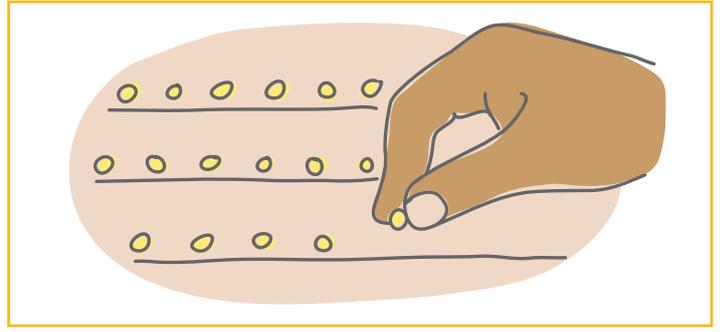


# Tale of a t-shirt

## Activity sheet

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# Big Ideas

Use this sheet to help plan your uniform reuse scheme.

Shop Name:

Where will you put your shop?

Who could help you with your shop?



# Big Ideas

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How will you get old uniforms?

Why is The Revolve Project a good idea?

Any other ideas?

