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Red Nose Day



Goals and Aims

Comic Relief has three main objectives. The first is to continue to raise money and the fight against poverty and social injustice at home and across the world. The second is to give grants and create real and lasting change for poor and vulnerable people in the UK and internationally. The third is to raise awareness of issues around poverty and social justice.

1985



Richard Curtis, Jane Tewson and friends come up with the idea to use comedy to raise money and change lives in Africa and the UK.



1985

BT has supported red nose day by setting up call Centre's and telephonic lines



1985

OXFAM HAVE BEEN WITH COMIC RELIEF FROM THE BEGINNING AND HELPED TACKLE SOCIAL INJUSTICE



1986

CLIFF RICHARDS MAKE A SINGLE WHICH HELP RAISES FUNDS AND BECOMES A NUMBER ONE SINGLE



1987

AT CHRISTMAS THE SONG ROCK AND ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE HELPS RAISE FUNDS AND IS NUMBER THREE ON THE CHARTS



1988

FIRST RED NOSE DAY

in Ethiopia celebrate the first ever Red Nose Day. Over 150 celebrities and comedians take part as 30 million viewers watch a huge night of TV on the BBC and raise over £15 million.

1991

WE ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES TO HAVE
THEIR VOICE HEARD FOR THE
FIRST TIME



2002

THE FIRST SPORTS RELIEF WAS
LAUNCHED. IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS
WE RAISED £14 MILLION



2008

EDUCATION IS THE GOAL
AND WE GO TO NEW YORK
TO JOIN THE UN SUMMIT
AND HELP BY GIVING A £14
MILLION IN GRANTS FOR
EDUCATION



2015

COMIC RELIEF HIT
£1 BILLION
Red Nose Day.
WHICH HAS BEEN
RAISED OVER THE
LAST 30 YEARS



What's wrong with Comic Relief

Comic Relief had been reported as losing £20 million over poor investments.

Its investment in tobacco companies and weapons have raised questions over Comic reliefs integrity . As well as they gave funds to charities helping people who suffer with TB yet invest in tobacco companies

Red nose t-shirts where been made in sweat shops unbeknown to the charity they were unaware that merchandising had changed suppliers but the question of accountability is important

David Lammy

"Of course the fundraising is worthwhile, but the Red Nose Day formula is tired and patronising to Africans. This year things must be different. We must have voices debating debt and dictatorship, trade agreements and climate change, education and entrepreneurship – not just appeals for people to phone in and pledge a few pounds. Otherwise another opportunity will be missed."



‘White saviours’ belong in the 1980s. Let’s keep them there by

[Gaby Hinsliff](#)

- Bare-faced and clad in jeans, clutching a rather uncertain-looking black toddler on her hip, [Stacey Dooley stands beaming](#) in the dust of a parched African landscape. At first glance you could mistake it for a gap year snapshot, destined to be pinned up somewhere in a student bedroom. Dooley is, of course, [one of the breakout stars of this year’s Strictly Come Dancing](#), and the picture was taken in Uganda, where she is making a film for the upcoming [Comic Relief](#). Yet as with so many gap year experiences, it isn’t entirely easy to tell who is having the more emotionally rewarding time here: the volunteer who feels privileged to have seen what they’ve seen, or the children they’re actually supposed to be helping.



Comic Relief and BBC were accused of making absurd claims about the poverty in Britain and not been neutral

- **Ed Sheeran has been called a hypocrite after asking for us to donate money for the homeless but has put railing around his house to stop homeless people sleeping outside his house. As well as while in African offered to pay for all the homeless people to stay in a hotel for a night and was criticized for not understanding the implication of his offer**

SNOUT OF ORDER

Comic Relief's £1.25 plastic red noses BOYCOTTED by parents – as only 65p goes to charity and they may be 'killing the planet'

Some UK schools are offering to paint red noses on children for a charity donation due to the novelty noses being made from single-use plastic

Some UK schools are instead offering to paint red noses on children for a charity donation to ensure more money is raised for the charities.

"For those who don't want to keep their Noses, Sainsbury's offers the opportunity to bring them back into store to be recycled

The charity has pledged to up their recycling efforts this year and it is rumoured they are aiming to sell eco-friendly noses by 2021.

There is criticism why don't celebrities give a tithe of their earnings 10% and what a difference that would make.



A huge criticism is that Comic Relief want to help poverty and starvation when here in the UK 30-50% of our food we throw away in wastage. Public need to be educated.

It is felt that it is not enough to just donate money. It is felt that Comic Relief are sharing the view with the public that by giving money the problems are solved.

Comic Relief have been criticized for painting a bleak picture of Africa as been all poor and helpless nation that needs our help. That only one part of Africa that is a vibrant and growing nation.



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