

Canada's children find solutions to world problems

'What would you do to put the world right?' This question was recently put to Canadian children the length and breadth of the country.

Some 20000 replies were received by the organisers in the form of drawings, messages and poems. Now, 112 of the drawings are on display at the Canada House Gallery in an exhibition opened by HRH the Princess Royal on March 24. The exhibition runs until April 26. Many of the entries have been collected together into a book entitled *Dear World*. Proceeds from sales of *Dear World* will go to a charity, *Global Ed/Med Supplies*, for the establishment and running of medical clinics in developing countries. The book is available at £5 from the Cultural Affairs Section, telephone 01-629 9492 Ext 246.

In her preface to the collection, Canada's Governor-General Jeanne Sauvé observes: 'The spirit of love and fraternity, of goodwill and tolerance that emanates from the pens and crayons of these children bodes well for their faith in the ability of mankind to deal with the tremendous challenges before us.'

'While all the solutions offered may not live in the realm of possibility, we are reminded that it is in the imagination where the greatest initiatives are born, and through the purest idealism that the impossible is turned into reality.'

Here is a selection of the children's solutions. ♦

Peace

I would make some peace pills and give them to the Presidents of all Countries.

Vanessa Chunys, 9, British Columbia

To make the world a better place a lot of things must be done. Forbidding children to grow up is the most important one.

Do you think we'd be in this mess if all children were in charge? Would there be atomic bombs, mass murderers, or serious wars at large?

Krista Walsh, 12, Newfoundland



Poverty

I would give the poor people a whole year to be rich and a whole year for the rich people to be poor. There will be a lesson to learn and that lesson will be that everyone is a person and should be treated the same because we all have feelings.

Mifaye Shelstad, 11, Alberta

If I can see in a starving child's eyes the truth that we should all share and work together then why can't you? We all live in the same world.

Sharon Bromwell, 16, Yukon

Everyday concerns

I'd lower the prices of important foods like milk, bread and meats and I would make liver unedible.

Jonathan Buchan, 11, North West Territories

We have many problems both big and small but we swat them away like a fly on a wall.

We should stop for a minute and listen to the music and take our brain and try to use it.

Craig Tuomi, 13, Ontario

I would stop putting taxes on everything.

Michelle Merrill, 9, Quebec

Tasha Riley, Grade 6, London Ontario

The Princess Royal officially opens the exhibition..

