

Eye on the World

Newsletter for Teachers

February 2005

For the attention of: PSHCE/Citizenship,
Humanities and R.E. Coordinators



Welcome to the spring term newsletter from the Centre for Global Education for teachers. The main theme of this issue is **Fair Trade** and there are reviews of resources for all ages. Buying Fair trade products allows farmers in the South to have fair wages, better working conditions, improved health and safety and protects the environment.

We also have news about the films showing monthly at City Screen in York in the "Widening the Circle" project along with information of forthcoming FREE courses.

Fair Trade Fortnight starting 1 March 2005

Fair trade is highlighted throughout this fortnight with events both locally and nationally BUT of course fair trade is a global issue that can be addressed at anytime to fit with different areas of the curriculum.

Ideas which a School Council might take up can be found at:
www.fairtrade.org.uk and include:

- Set up a Fairtrade tuck shop at break time
- Run a Fairtrade coffee morning for the staff or local elderly residents
- Hold a Fairtrade assembly
- Link with your local supermarket and/or One World Shop to carry out a Fairtrade product and consumer awareness survey
- Carry out a Fairtrade audit of the school



2005 is an important year for the Worlds Poor

During this year a number of key meetings of world leaders will be held with Tony Blair and Gordon Brown in leading roles. The outcomes could significantly address global poverty:

- **February** G7 Finance Ministers meeting
- **April** Commission for Africa reports
- **24-30 April** Global Action Week, join the **Send My Friend to School challenge**, make a cardboard cut out "buddy" to represent one of the over 100 million children receiving no proper education to present to G8 Summit
- **July** G8 Summit in Scotland
- **13 July** 20th anniversary of LiveAid
- **July-December** Britain chairs EU
- **1-5 September** UN Summit on Millennium Development Goals

Using these current events in Global Citizenship work in school can greatly enhance children's learning. See Campaign Websites page 4 for ideas.

Centre News

➤ "Widening the Circle" films and events at City Screen

- **Tuesday 8 March** Fair Trade in The Basement 7.00 – 9.30pm
- **Tuesday 22 March** UNICEF focussing on Child Labour including short films and speakers 7.30pm – 10.00pm
- **Tuesday 26 April** Film in association with Amnesty

DVDs of some of the films featured in the "Widening the Circle" series are available for loan from the Centre.

For further information please contact Richard Thurley on 01904 716838 or r.thurley@yorks.ac.uk

➤ **Each Year Better: Millennium Development Goals**-a project for pupils in KS3

The Centre for Global education is cooperating with International Service and the Centre for Global Education, Netherlands on a KS3 project that will link schools in both countries through a study of the Millennium Development goals in a range of countries, across 3 continents. Pupils in both UK and Netherlands will communicate their findings by videoconference.

If you would like to know more please contact Margot Brown on 01904 716839 or m.brown@yorks.ac.uk

➤ **Crossing Continents** - Two Schools in York, Canon Lee and Fulford, and two in Harrogate, St John Fisher and Harrogate Grammar, have been involved in a short project which helps them communicate with pupils of the same age in Alexandria, Cairo and Upper Egypt.

Pupils have exchanged photographs and their own videos showing daily and school life; have found recipes from their partner country and tried them out; have put together music tapes of their own favourites and of course told each other about themselves and asked questions.

'Do you learn Arabic?' **'Are child rights implemented in your country?'** from Egypt.
'Do boys and girls get treated equally?' **How do you spend your leisure time?'** from UK

The project is now in its final phase. The pupils in both countries have chosen a topic of mutual concern for them as young citizens. They will 'research' how this affects them and exchange their findings and will have the opportunity to talk to each other by video conference in March. The project is short but the motivation of the Year 8/9 pupils has been strong and wonderful to see. Charlotte Hunt of UNICEF has also supported the project by offering workshops and resources.

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➤ **North South Linking Network** – a new network has been set up to support schools that are involved in school partnerships with developing countries. The aim is to provide opportunities for teachers to meet one another, share ideas, resources and learn ways in which the links can enhance the curriculum and pupils' learning. In the future it is hoped to invite speakers. The next network meeting is on **Thursday 10 March 2005** at **York St John College 4.30 - 6.00pm**

For further information please contact Chrissie Dell on 01904 716755 or c.dell@yorks.ac.uk

Resources for teachers

We review below a selection of entertaining Simulation Games which can be played by the whole class together or in smaller groups. All these resources can be inspected in the Centre for Global Education and can be purchased from Go-Global. E-mail: goglobal@leedsdec.org.uk

The Paperbag Game – If you had been working for ten hours, what would you do if you still didn't have enough money to buy basics for your family?

The newly updated *Paper bag game* is a popular and easy-to-play simulation game that highlights the precarious and harsh working conditions of paper bag makers in India.

The game sets players against the clock in a real-time simulation of what it's like to be a bag maker in Calcutta. Players are given 20 minutes to make as many bags as possible to sell - but will it be enough to survive?

Using up-to-date facts and figures on income, the game highlights issues such as child labour, poor employment rights and poverty, and explores what can be done to help.

Playing time is approximately 45 minutes; for 6-35 players; age nine and above Price £3.99 Christian Aid



The Trading Game

Suitable for 13+ Price £3.50 Christian Aid 15-30 players

This popular simulation game on international trade has recently been updated with case studies. It helps players understand the trading systems that increase the gap between rich and poor countries, *The Trading Game* is an excellent tool for:

- extending curriculum work in Geography, RE, Citizenship and Business Studies

- increasing understanding of the world as a global community

- considering experiences of poorer countries

- confronting injustices in the current trading system

Go Bananas

This primary photopack concerns the journey of a banana from the Caribbean to the UK. It looks at how much of the final supermarket price is paid to those involved in its production. The pack contains a range of activities that use the photographs, maps and information on banana production. It includes a literacy activity and curriculum links. Price £14 Oxfam



Fair Trade in Action

This box of resources compares fair trade to conventional trade. The resources enable students to become active and aware citizens, through gaining more understanding of world trade. £15 RISC

The Chocolate Trade Game suitable for Primary and Secondary Christian Aid ISBN: 090437948 £3.40

An interactive game that simulates the experience of all those involved in chocolate production; from cocoa farmers in Ghana to shoppers in the UK. It helps practitioners explore trade issues including: the impact of international trade on rich and poor countries; how our shopping habits affect farmers in Southern countries; and how fair trade can help members of co-operatives in Ghana. With clear instructions and an accessible format, it is a good introduction to trade issues. It is for 15 to up to 40 players and takes about one hour to play

Campaign Websites for 2005



www.rednoseday.com/schools

March 11: Big hair and Beyond Just Do Something
Red Nose is back, with 4 Virtual Friends, children too poor to go to school, part of the Send My Friend to School campaign.

www.makepovertyhistory.com for trade justice, drop the debt, more and better aid. The gap between rich and poor has never been wider so act now! Children can be given the opportunity to take part through sending an e-mail or post card to the Prime Minister and wearing a white band like the Vicar of Dibley.

www.ei-ie.org/globalactionweek Send My Friend to School challenge

Free Courses in the Summer Term in association with Yorkshire Humber Global Schools Association:

1. **Introduction to North South Linking:** Thursday 30 June 9.30am -3.30pm in York
2. **Looking at diversity – using books and artifacts** Wednesday 18 May 1.00 – 3.30pm in Beverley
3. **Looking at diversity - using books and artifacts** Tuesday 28 June 4.00 – 6.00pm in York

Course details from Chrissie Dell / Mick Bradley, Tel: 01904 716755 email: c.dell@yorksja.ac.uk

- **Free membership** of Yorkshire Humber Global Schools Association: access to new resources, support and information. Opportunities for schools to receive awards or small grants for curriculum development. www.yhgsa.org.uk



Through developing resources for the global dimension links are made to different areas of the curriculum. If you are interested in developing new resources please contact the Centre.

What does the Centre for Global Education offer?

✓ Support and advice for teachers	✓ Resources for loan & reference
✓ Teaching packs and videos.	✓ Maps & posters
✓ Books & multi-cultural picture books	✓ Artefacts with support notes
✓ Workshops for teachers	✓ Resource displays & talks for schools
✓ Links with people & communities from the South communities	✓ Opportunities to participate in curriculum development projects

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