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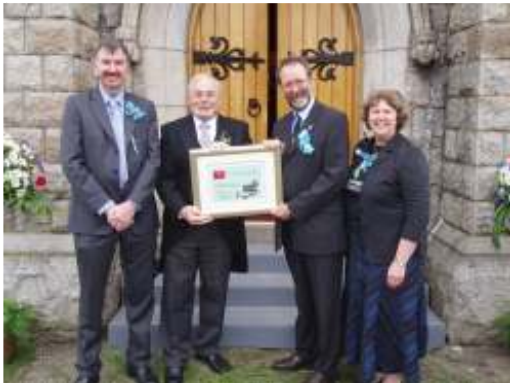
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Hi, it seems that this introduction is fast becoming the place for an apology, I'm sorry, we're very aware that once again this news letter is well overdue, because, we've re-written it so many times over the last few months! The pace of life is such that no sooner have we written up an event than another one has taken its place. But, it is exciting work, with yet more school sessions and an ever increasing team of volunteers and members. The impressive turnout for our AGM this year has helped us feel that our work is reflecting a changing consciousness across the Island. It's still got a long way to go, but hey, it's good to have the support! We do like to hear your comments, so, please do keep in touch. Our monthly Glue Pot meetings are on the first Monday in the month and everyone is welcome to come along and exchange ideas. Hope you are able to join us for some of the events featured here:

O Island so strong and so FAIR!

Congratulations! We've done it!

At 10am on the 7th July 2008 a band of people wearing green, blue and black gathered around the door to St Johns Church. With them was Bruce Crowther from the Fairtrade Foundation. They were assembled to meet Chief Minister Tony Brown and Phil Gawne MHK. This was the morning of Tynwald day... just before the beginning of the governmental ceremony... and the moment the Isle of Man was officially declared a Fairtrade Island. The Celebrations continued on the Fairfield with stall holders and visitors decked out in the Fairtrade colours along with face painters, jugglers' hula hoopers and a unicycle rider to mark the occasion. This is a fantastic achievement for the Island, and an important statement about our values and our respect for producers around the world. Fairtrade Island Status is only awarded when the Foundation can see a genuine commitment to using and promoting Fairtrade across the community. The Fairtrade Island Initiative have been working towards this point for over 4 years while some people, like Margaret Newton,



have supported Fairtrade through Traidcraft for over 20 years!

The Island now boasts 40 retail outlets and 15 catering establishments where you can find Fairtrade. There are 37 Faith groups and a number of workplaces and community groups using Fairtrade products. Park Road school recently became the first Island school to achieve Fairtrade School status... and we have 16 other schools registered and working towards Fairtrade recognition.

Education, becoming aware of why the Fairtrade system is necessary, is essential in creating buyers with a long term commitment to the Fairtrade habit.

Fairtrade isn't just another form of charity but an alternative to a system that exploits producers, uses a chain of middle men and gives profit to wealthy multi national companies mainly in the west. Fairtrade enables the consumer to make a conscious decision to respect producers and their right to be paid a fair price that won't be

As individual fingers we can be broken
but together we make a mighty fist.

Sitting Bull

affected by volatile global markets. By only working with co-operatives the Fairtrade system ensures that whole communities benefit from the profits they make. Local people are empowered to make the decisions about how their community will be developed, whether it's better roads, a water pump or a school.

How much more powerful is it to enable people to support themselves, not to have to live in extreme poverty or be dependent on the benevolence of charities?!

Sometimes the Fairtrade option may be a few pence more, but the small difference that can make to your purse can make a huge difference to families in the developing world.

The Foundation recently announced that recognition of the Fairtrade Mark is so strong in the UK that they are going to phase out the words 'guarantees a better deal for third world producers', and eventually just use the image. An indication of their remarkable success in educating consumers over the years!



A festival of film!

Keep One World Week free in your diary... We bring to you a Festival of films from around the world, a different film each night, for five nights, for free!

One World Week was founded 30 years ago as an initiative from a number of combined charities, interfaith groups, DFID and individual donors as an annual opportunity for local communities to come together to celebrate being part of a global community. One World Week is a time when we can appreciate the diversity and richness of culture - the music and dance, customs and

traditions - from all corners of the Globe. It is also an opportunity for us to recognise where there is injustice in the world, to consider how our lifestyles may affect the lives of people living another reality, very different to the one that we know.

The films we have selected for the Festival are challenging, inspiring and celebrate the strength of human spirit.

Monday: ***We are Together*** - the moving story of a group of South African children who use music to overcome hardship and loss.

Tuesday: ***Favela Rising*** - one man's determination to bring hope, peace and security to Brazil's favela children.

Wednesday: ***Drowned Out*** - a powerful documentary following an ambitious Government damn building project in Central India and the villagers' fight for their land, their homes and their lives.

Thursday: ***Gypsy Caravan*** - a dynamic musical documentary following five gypsy bands as they tour North America.

Friday: ***Bamako*** - a beautifully shot film raising issues of social justice and the relationship between the West and Africa.

To book a seat at any of the films call the One World Centre on 825464 between 1-5pm



The One World Centre presents...
A FREE Festival of Films
Monday 20th - Friday 25th October
7:30pm nightly at the Ballakermeen Lecture Theatre

Monday: *We are together* Tuesday: *Favela Rising*
Wednesday: *Drowned out* Thursday: *Gypsy Caravan* Friday: *Bamako*

It's a big world to cram into one week but we've had a go!

5 rousing films celebrating life, culture, diversity, social justice, collective mobility & individual action

With thanks to... Sponser films: Artificial eye, ICA & Rise films

To book call 825464, weekdays between 1pm-5pm
www.oneworldcentre.org

☆ Wish upon a Star. ☆

Before the Christmas chaos descends we're hoping you can help us with some creative fun ... to create a Christmas tree of wishes!

Save the Children have kindly given us a space to take part in their Festival of Trees for the second year running. The Festival is a huge Island event - an exhibition of the most creative and inspiring trees from local companies, schools and charities, held in the airport between November and December.

Our tree this year will be called 'Wish upon a Star' and we are asking our members to send us beautifully crafted, handmade stars in white or silver only, with a wish for the world upon them. You can wish for anything as long as it is heartfelt and hopeful. If you are interested in helping with our tree please email katie@owciom.org for more details about dimensions and materials before you start! (info soon available on our website)

Introducing the new face of the Charity challenge!

October marked a big event for the One World Centre... the arrival of our third member of staff! Jenni Quillin joined us on the 1st October to take on the role of co-ordinator for the Charity Challenge 08/09.

The appointment was made possible by the H&S Davidson Trust who have supported the Charity Challenge from the beginning. With all 5 state schools, King Williams College and the IoM College all signed up to take part this year the scale of the project is bigger than ever. The One World Centre will be offering more educational support than previous years from an awesome team of volunteer experts who will be running sessions for all of the teams. We're delighted to welcome Jenni to our team and are excited to continue to work with students on such a wonderfully inspiring project.

Transition takes off in the Isle of Man...

The Transition Island movement has been growing and developing around the Island over the last year. They've been giving presentations to all sorts of groups, from the Government and commissioners, to bee keepers and businesses. They've been active at fairs and functions throughout the summer, brimming with ideas and energy... and have put their notions into motion! The original steering group has now divided into regional working groups. If you are interested in Transition and want to become more involved in your community call Janet Lees on 823253 or Alice Quayle on 307842 or email transitioniom@mac.com.

AGM / Birthday party!

The One World Centre is now 4 years old, and we celebrated it with a well supported AGM at Jabberwocky. Members enjoyed a review of a year in the life of the OWC with live music, poetry and film. Sadly, Muriel Garland and Peter Whittaker retired from our Management Committee, after being with us from the outset; we'll miss your invaluable support! We welcomed to the team Stuart Harthill & Helen Gibson, two exciting additions and great supporters of our work.

Burma collection

Thanks you to everyone who helped with the Burma DEC appeal; £3000 was raised in just 2 days!

Conscious Cinema

Calling all poets, performers and open minds! Mike Bell is co-ordinating an evening of creativity, discussion and thought provoking entertainment for free at Jabberwocky Fairtrade Café on the 31st October.

There'll be live music, a load of short movies to be screened and a few wordsmiths laying it down. With popcorn, licensed premises and a lovely vibe. Films start from 7:30pm. If you're interested or want to play/perform please e-mail Mike at litmus_@hotmail.com for an invite.

The true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love
che guerrera



Parish walk

A huge thank you to all our amazing volunteers who took part again in the Parish walk this year and raised money for the OWC. Thank you also to those who sponsored them. A fantastic achievement in appalling conditions!

Make a Mosaic



Back in February schools, community groups, workplaces and individuals signed up to take part in Make a Mosaic... a community art project to celebrate Fairtrade.

Each group was challenged to design 2ft x 2ft boards – with any image they wanted – but using Fairtrade Marks cut from the packaging of tea, coffee, chocolate, bananas, nuts, seeds, pasta, sugar.... The list is endless!!!!

The groups worked feverishly for 5 months, munching and slurping their way through box after package after bag of Fairtrade goodies. One brownies group managed to collect over 450 Fairtrade marks – quite awesome!

Some schools ran competitions for the design, some groups made the boards 3D, all of the boards were unique and exciting. The variety of designs that were created was fantastic and they all spelt out clearly the message that the Isle of Man supports Fairtrade. (see them all on our website) The week leading up to the 5th July saw board after board being delivered or collected, 43 in all ready to help the Island celebrate receiving Fairtrade Island status at Tynwald day.

A dedicated team of amazing volunteers



spent the weekend weatherproofing. Layer upon layer of PVA glue, followed by a treatment to seal the glue, followed by numerous coats of varnish. We were desperate to ensure every board would survive being displayed outdoors during the wettest summer on record!

Bruce Crowther from the Fairtrade Foundation, who was visiting to present our Fairtrade Island certificate was among the first to see the collection of boards. He was incredibly impressed with the concept and finished articles.

Over July and August the exhibition appeared in a few different locations... the walls of the sunken gardens in Douglas, Malew Street in Castletown, the railway station in Port Erin and the promenade railings in Douglas. No mean feat considering the number of boards... this again was the work of our amazing volunteers. We do intend to continue to display the boards around the Island, they are an invaluable resource showing genuine community commitment to the Fairtrade movement.

If you have a location or an occasion that you would like to display the boards contact Katie@owciom.org

Thanks to all the groups who created Mosaics for the project -

6th Douglas Brownies

7th Wave

Andreas School

Ballacottier Primary school

Bunscoill Ghaelgh

Community Mental Health Team

Castle Rushen School library

Dru Leoidsson

Eastcliffe

Gansey Day Centre & Southlands

Hugh Leoidsson

Isle of Man College

KB Youth Krew

Kewaigue Primary School

King Williams College

Laxey Primary school

Murrays Road Primary school

Scoil Phurt le Moirrey

Queen Elizabeth II High School

The Salvation Army

Saturday Art workshop

St Columbus & St Mary's RC church

St Johns brownies

St Johns Sunday school

St Ninians church

Sulby school

Team quaye

Willaston primary school



It's a Fair race!

Thank you to Dave Kelly from Douglas Corporation who took part in this year's World Famous Castletown tin bath race in a Fairtrade themed bath! Inspired by the mosaic boards along the promenade during the summer Dave built his own boat, with two hands holding the world surrounded by Fairtrade bunting and a Fairtrade Island sign. What a fantastic fun, colourful and brave way to celebrate Fairtrade!

Eco day goes West!

The fourth annual Eco Day took place this year at QEII high school. Year 7 students spent a day off timetable learning to harness their planet saving powers. With 16 workshops to choose from throughout the day the feeling of energy and excitement was infectious. Several projects were initiated that the school will continue to contribute towards receiving their eco school status. There was a fantastic response from the staff, students and workshop teams. An evening extravaganza concluded the event with a lively mix of drama, music and reflection compered by Dan Davies and featuring Movingsounds and QEII students. A big thank you to all who took part!

Amnesty road show

Amnesty International Isle of Man have presented two multimedia roadshows explaining who they are and how you can be more involved. It's a powerful message delivered through a presentation, film and discussion. If you have a group of people you think may be interested to see the roadshow get in touch. Membership for Amnesty IoM will be free between now and December for any new members. If you are interested in the group contact Cyril Rogers cd_rogers@manx.net

A new way of dealing with debt.

The credit crunch is affecting us all, no-one seems able to predict what is going to happen next – but it seems that what was happening before is what caused the problems we now face. It's generally agreed that there needs to be a new way of dealing with the international financial markets. Irresponsible creditors who have enjoyed the freedom of reckless lending have to be stopped... but surely this is not just within our own banking system...?

The Jubilee Debt campaign is calling for a new way of dealing with debt – more debt cancellation, much more quickly. While almost \$90 billion debt has been cancelled through internationally agreed schemes dozens of countries, are not covered by the current cancellation criteria which doesn't address the responsibility of the creditors, whose bad lending has led to huge levels of illegitimate debt. Until this happens there is no way to punish reckless lending and change lenders' behaviour in the future. Jubilee Debt are calling for a Debt Tribunal, to provide a fair, comprehensive solution to the debt crisis. The UK Government will be represented at a major international conference to review progress in financing development, in Doha, Qatar, at the end of November. To send an email asking the UK government to support efforts at Doha for a new system to deal with debts go to:

<http://www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk/doha>

Your emails can stop a Bangladesh coal mine from ruining thousands of lives.

Over the last year the World Development Movement has been campaigning to stop Global Coal Management (GCM) from building a mine in Bangladesh which will force thousands of poor people to leave their land. More than 40,000 people will lose their homes and the water supply of 100,000 people could be contaminated. Emails sent by supporters have resulted in Barclays and RBS selling their shares in GCM the British company planning the mine... but, *the UK government has been lobbying on behalf of GCM ?!* Go to

<http://www.wdm.org.uk/campaigns/others/bangladeshmine/index.htm> and take part in WDM's online action to Gareth Thomas MP to ask him to do the right thing, and to stop supporting this potentially disastrous project.

Charity Conference

Last October over 20 Manx Charities operating overseas came together in the Villa Marina for the One World Centre's Festival of Manx Connections. The evaluation of the event showed that charities would welcome ongoing training... So... thanks to the generous support of the H&S Davidson Trust, we organised a Manx Charities Seminar for Oct 16th at St. Johns Mill. Representatives from the charities selected 3 seminars for the day covering topics that included fund raising, effective volunteering, building a name, promoting sustainable development and small charities development. Workshop facilitators were Alison Burden, Helen Gibson, Augustine Okanlawon, Phil Craine. Karl Cubbon, Terry Van Rhyn and Ayesha Kariapper and we were privileged to have Geoffrey Dennis, Chief Executive of Care UK, as our guest speaker. It was one of those brilliant days of buzzing conversation, networking, sharing ideas and expertise that went on into the evening with a public talk and discussion at the Fairtrade café, Jabberwocky. Many thanks to all who participated!

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I would like to become a member of the Manx Development Education Network (One World Centre). I enclose my annual individual subscription of £5 (organisation subscription = £20). Cheques made payable to "Manx Development Education Network"

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Diary dates:

**One World Week
Film Festival
Nightly at 7:30pm
Ballakermeen lecture
theatre**

**We are together
(Rise films)
Monday 20th October**

**Favela Rising
(ICA)
Tuesday 21st October**

**Drowned Out
(Spanner films)
Wednesday 22nd
October**

**Gypsy Caravan
(ICA)
Thursday 23rd October**

**Bamako
(Artificial eye)
Friday 24th October**

**60th Anniversary of
the Declaration of
Human Rights
10th December**

**Members Meeting
Monday 3rd November
7:30pm at the Glue Pot.**

The love of ones country is a splendid thing but why should we stop at the border?

Pablo Casals

Chair: Phil Craine. Treasurer: Jane Prescott. Management Committee: Phil Matthews, Helen Holder.. Leni Lewis, Rosemary Walters, Allison Burden, Janet Lees, Alistair Audsley, Stuart Harthill, Helen Gibson, Peter O'shea. Coordinator: Cheryl Cousins. Administrator: Katie Keenan Charity Challenge: Jenni Quillin
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