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Hi, you may have thought you'd been short changed this year, but we have managed to sneak in a third newsletter before the year ends. It's that time of new years resolutions, so ours is to try harder to deliver all 4 newsletters at regular quarterly intervals in 2009. And yours? What great things will you promise yourself? .....to become the change you want to see in the world? People are all talking about gloomy times, but an alternative view could be to see it as a time of great opportunity, a time for people to get together and work together to make a lasting, caring difference to our local and global community. But it will only happen when each of us take that action, whether letter writing, campaigning, changing our life styles, donating, volunteering .....

Universal  
Declaration of  
Human Rights

# 60 years!

10<sup>th</sup>  
December  
1948 - 2008



On the 10<sup>th</sup> December the Universal Declaration of Human Rights became 60 years old! A grand age I'm sure you'll agree, and the One World Centre felt this occasion shouldn't pass without a celebration. What was needed was a party to make sure the whole Island remembered... and didn't forget to send a card!

So on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> December the fun began at the farmers market with Manx folk music from

members of King Chiauliee and a stall launching the Amnesty International IOM greetings card campaign. Party goers came dressed in their most colourful outfits, accessorised with articles from the UDHR. We were also joined by SambaMann who took the party into Strand Street. Shoppers were stopped in their tracks by the sound of Samba drumming and the sight of our giant dancing cake! It can be easy in our society to keep living our busy lives without knowing how much of the freedoms we take for granted come directly from the UDHR. Borne out of the horrors of the Second World War, the declaration is a landmark agreement between nations to respect all citizens around the world.

We may still be some way off guaranteeing these rights to everyone around the world. There are still oppressive states who torture & imprison people, who don't allow freedom of speech. There are still companies using sweatshops, breaking labour regulations & banning trade unions so we can have cheaper products and they can make bigger profits. There are still children not receiving education. Does this mean the declaration doesn't work?! No, it means each one of us has to work harder at article 29.

There are 3 more Amnesty card signings coming up in January, you can have a voice, you can make a difference. You don't have to just watch the news or read the papers and get depressed, you can do something to make a difference!



### The Simplified Articles

1. We are all free & equal.
2. These rights belong to everybody.
3. We all have the right to life, freedom & safety.
4. Nobody has any right to make anyone a slave.
5. Nobody has any right to hurt or to torture others
6. Everyone has the same rights, everywhere, before the law.
7. The law is the same for everyone. It must treat us all fairly.
8. Everyone's entitled to Fair treatment by fair courts.
9. No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.
10. Everyone is entitled to a fair & public hearing by an impartial tribunal.
11. Everyone is innocent until proven guilty.
12. Everyone has the right to privacy.
13. Everyone has the right of freedom of movement.
14. Everyone has the right to asylum.
15. Everyone has the right to a nationality.
16. Everyone has the right to marry & to have equal rights in marriage.
17. Everyone has the right to own property.
18. Everyone has the right to Freedom of thought.
19. Everyone has the right to freedom of speech
20. Everyone has the right to meet in peaceful assembly.
21. Everyone has the right to vote in free elections.
22. Everyone has the right to social security.
23. Everyone has the right to work, a fair wage, & to join a trade union.
24. Everyone has the right to rest & leisure.
25. Everyone has the right to a healthy standard of living.
26. Everyone has the right to free education.
27. Everyone has the right to engage in cultural activity.
28. Everyone has the right to a free & fair world.
29. Everybody has a duty to protect other people's rights & freedoms.
30. Nobody can take away these rights and freedoms from us.



**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.** (Nelson Mandela)

Our newsletter is usually a place for sharing information about news, events or letter writing campaigns. There is little space left to share with you the work we do in schools, which actually makes up the backbone of our organisation. As a member of the Development Education Association our major focus is promoting development education practice and bringing a global dimension into Manx classrooms. The DEA believes that *“education should put learning in a global context, fostering critical and creative thinking; self-awareness... open-mindedness...; understanding of global issues and and optimism and action for a better world.”* Throughout the year Cheryl has been running workshops and assemblies, twilights and training sessions. We have created resources, study packs and posters, and have built up a fantastic team of volunteers who are sharing their knowledge with students – covering subjects like Hinduism, Fairtrade and Gender Equality. On top of all this there are also the big events you will have heard of in the newsletters... Eco Day, Charity Challenge and the performance workshops - Felix the drummer, Movingsounds and Su Hart with the music of the Baka Rainforest. We are able to commit so many hours to this work thanks to funding from the Department of Education who have supported us since we opened in 2004. All of our workshops are curriculum linked – and we are also supporting both the Fairtrade Schools and Eco Schools projects. The importance of teaching students to question and to listen is being increasingly highlighted as a priority for schools, as is the inclusion of an understanding of globalisation and how our lives are interconnected with the lives of people around the world.

*“Education should not attempt to shelter our nation’s children from even the harshest controversies of adult life, but should prepare them to deal with such controversies knowledgeably, sensibly, tolerantly and morally.”* QCA 1998



### Orange buckets for the Congo.

A wonderful team of volunteers grabbed orange buckets and their thermal socks to take part in an all Island Street collection in response to the Disasters Emergency Appeal for the Democratic Republic of Congo. The country has been ravaged by war over the last 15 years and the violence has escalated dramatically in recent months. Over 250,000 people have fled from their homes and aid agencies are working to ensure that these civilians have access to essentials like food and water. The conflict has along history, but it is partly being fueled and funded by a struggle for mineral resources that are used in the manufacturing of cell phones, laptops and other electronics. In two days the Island collected £3,500 for the appeal. Many thanks to all the volunteers who collected and to all the people who donated.

### Stamp collecting saves lives!

If you’ve been good enough to stay on your friend’s Christmas card lists this year the chances are that they are falling fast and furious through your door as we speak! Put that good cheer to some use and save the stamps on the envelopes. The One World Centre are working in conjunction with the Manx Co-op who have agreed to act as a collecting point for all your saved stamps. Cut your stamps off the envelope and drop them into your local shop. We will be sending the stamps to the Leprosy Mission who collect stamps for fundraising. This organisation does amazing work helping people shunned by their own communities and Governments. Leprosy needs only a one year course in medication for a complete cure!

For more information see [www.oneworldcentreiom.org](http://www.oneworldcentreiom.org)



### Fairtrade Island auditing

We are almost at our 6<sup>th</sup> month anniversary of being a Fairtrade Island, doesn’t time fly! To keep our status we need to run an audit on what we’ve achieved since the 5<sup>th</sup> July. If you have anything to report do let us know... new venues, community events – it all helps!

### Thank you!

To everyone who has helped us in our work this year a huge thank you! To all our members, volunteers & community groups, to our committee & the local charities who have supported us, to our sponsors and the companies who have donated time... Merry Christmas and a very happy new year!

### Remember to Recycle...

Beautifully, wrapped gifts lay nestled under many trees across the Island waiting for Christmas morning. Socks and handkerchiefs are sure to be there alongside the latest toys, gadgets... and mobile phones. Mobile phones change so quickly that there is always something new on the market and upgrading is part of the contract... but what do you do with your old, perfectly functioning, 5 minutes out of fashion phone?! Up to 80 per cent of a phone is recyclable and yet T mobile found that less than 50% of us recycle electronic waste, Mobiles also contain elements which can be dangerous for the environment if they are dumped, including cobalt – one of the minerals being fought over in the Congo today. So why not do something good with your old phone. You don’t have to bin it, or leave it languishing in the bottom of a draw, a number of charities collect old phones for recycling. Oxfam have envelopes in some of the Co-op shops which you can use to send your phone to them, and the OWC is collecting phones for Survival, just drop them into us!

Whenever the people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government. **Thomas Jefferson**

### Movies, Music and Poetry

The cosy, welcoming surroundings of Jabberwocky café in Duke Street have been home to the bi-weekly evenings of movies, music and poetry since November. Who knew there was such a collection of creativity around the Island! The eclectic mix of entertainment has included documentary film, animation, spoken word, circus skills, blues, folk and electronica. There are more to come, so if you’ve yet to experience one make it your new years resolution, but come early and be prepared for jolliness and some thought provoking! The next evening will be mid January 2009 – we’ll send out a reminder!



### Wish upon a star

The Save the Children Festival of Trees exhibition is now up and running at the airport. There are some fantastic entries this year making it a beautiful display. Our tree 'wish upon a star' is made up of wishes for the world from volunteers, schools and community groups. The frame of our tree was designed and created by a volunteer and Macro in Ballasalla – a huge thank you to them. In case you were wondering what people would like for Christmas this year here are a few of the wishes! I wish...

- \* Everyone everywhere knows somebody cares,
- \* For an end to all wars
- \* For joy
- \* For a deep spiritual calm to spread into people's souls
- \* That every person is accountable for their own actions
- \* That people are willing to change and to create change
- \* That we would stop investing in war and start investing in technology to help the planet
- \* For Africa to get clean water
- \* For an end to poverty
- \* For hope
- \* For justice
- \* For all people to live in dignity
- \* For freedom of thought
- \* For some people to have less so that others can have more
- \* For people to live as if we only had one planet
- \* That grown men don't get drunk and be abusive
- \* That bullies were extinct
- \* That people listen
- \* For respect
- \* For equality
- \* That there was no unfair trade
- \* That every child felt happy, wanted, healthy and safe
- \* For jolliness
- \* For the word greed to become extinct, rather than the species of the world



### Amnesty Greeting Cards

The local Amnesty International group launched this year's Greetings Card campaign during the celebration at the Farmers market on the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Each year Amnesty International select a number of human rights cases from around the world and encourage people to send greetings cards to individuals whose rights have been abused. This campaign is incredibly effective, providing hope to the victims of injustice, and reminding their abusers that the rest of the world is aware of their actions. In many cases Amnesty have received feedback to show that the cards do make a real difference. Amnesty Intl IoM have selected 4 of the 30 cases from this year's campaign for their card signing stalls.

**Bárbara Italia Méndez** – A volunteer for a children's charity in Mexico who was beaten, threatened and raped by police officers in San Salvador Atenco on May 4, 2006. The State Public Prosecutor's Office reportedly refused to register her complaint about the abuse she suffered and no proper medical examination was carried out.

**Min Ko Naing (Paw U Tun)** – A Pro-democracy activist in Myanmar Min Ko Naing was one of the first protesters to be detained in the violent crackdown on anti-government demonstrations in Myanmar in 2007. He has been held in Insein prison since his arrest on August 21, 2007, where conditions are poor and he has been suffering from medical conditions including an eye complaint for which he has been receiving inadequate treatment.

**Ferhat Gerçek** - was left permanently paralysed after being shot by police in October 2007 following a dispute over the sale of a legal left-wing magazine. Seven police officers face trial for 'wounding with intent as a result of excessive use of force' but flaws in the investigation may mean that the perpetrators will never be brought to justice. Ferhat Gerçek and another five people are being prosecuted in connection over the dispute, and could face more than 15 years in prison if found guilty. Amnesty International has serious concerns about the impartiality and independence of the investigation.

**Hu Jia** - one of China's most prominent human rights defenders, was sentenced to three and a half years in prison in April 2008 for speaking out about the Chinese authorities' human rights record. His conviction on charges of 'subversion' followed nearly 18 months of house arrest, and several years of harassment. Hu Jia's wife, Zeng Jinyan, is also a human rights defender, renowned for her online activism. She and her infant daughter, Hu Qianci, have been held under house arrest since Hu Jia's arrest in December 2007. Zeng has been threatened with detention if she does not 'cooperate' or talks to the media about Hu Jia's situation.

If you'd like to sign a card you can get details from [www.amnesty.org.uk/gcc/](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/gcc/)

Or come along to the next public signings:

10<sup>th</sup> January Strand shopping centre, Douglas

17<sup>th</sup> January Shakti Man Ramsey

### Hey big spender!

It seems the major news theme of 2008 has been shopping... in the panic of the credit crunch the media has become obsessed with our shopping habits. The One World Centre was one step ahead of the game this year when we began a weekly offering of advice on becoming a conscious consumer back in January. Every week for the last year the Courier has featured a 'Hey big spender' which has tips on how to reduce your impact on the planet both environmentally and socially through your shopping habits! Don't worry if you missed a week though - they are all now available on our website - [www.oneworldcentreiom.org](http://www.oneworldcentreiom.org)

The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt. **Frederick Buechner**

## Support Democracy in Bolivia

The World Development Movement have launched a campaign to support Bolivia's democratically elected government. Bolivia is a country characterised by high levels of inequality among its peoples and regions. The country made history in 2005, by electing Evo Morales – Bolivia's first indigenous president. Since then Morales' Government has sought to implement a series of reforms aimed at lifting millions of people out of poverty. These reforms have proved to be unpopular with some of Bolivia's powerful economic elite who have actively opposed them and have begun to use politically orchestrated violence. In response South American and European leaders have issued a unanimous resolution supporting democracy in Bolivia, however...

the European Union have been holding trade negotiations with the Community of Andean Nations, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Colombia. While Bolivia has been seeking an agreement where people and the environment are the "principle beneficiaries" the EU is looking to push a 'free trade' agenda. This stance is only working to undermine the position of the Bolivian Government. WDM are asking individuals to write to Bill Rammell at the Foreign Office to express their concerns and to ask him to ensure that EU trade policy prioritises sustainable development in Bolivia. For more information go to <http://www.wdm.org.uk/campaigns/trade/action/supportbolivia.php>

## The perfectly proportioned Christmas Dinner!

Making a roast dinner can be stressful enough, but when you're cooking for the entire extended family over Christmas it can seem overwhelming. Do you find you're left eating turkey sandwiches for the rest of the year despite the overindulgence of food on Christmas Day? Well worry not, help is at hand to help you plan your portions before you even turn on your cooker! [http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/perfect\\_portions](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/perfect_portions) it's a fantastic website packed with tips about how to reduce food waste... and why it's important! Our consumption is huge and yet a third of the food we buy in the UK is thrown away. This waste comes with an environmental cost which many of us don't see and at the same time food prices around the world are soaring leaving 967 million people in the world are hungry. why not check out their ideas and recipes, you could even add your own, and make it your resolution to reduce food waste in 2009!

## Ending the year on a high note!

In 2008 Oxfam ran a campaign to make the Swiss pharmaceutical giant Novartis put patients before profits. The company began a legal action to patent their medicines to directly challenge Indian companies right to produce cheap, generic versions of them. If they had succeeded then access to affordable medicines millions would have been denied to millions of poor people across the world. The injustice of denying the sick and vulnerable these medicines lead to half a million people, including Oxfam supporters, campaigning to stop this action.

In the face of International pressure Novartis has decided not to pursue the case, a resounding victory.

This story highlights the importance of using your voice to defend those whose human rights are being denied. Throughout the year we send our members information about armchair activism. By writing a letter and adding your signature to the ten/fifty/four hundred/thirty thousand people before you, you can help change happen.

In the year of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights there has never been a better time to become active. We value our human rights, we must ensure that we also value others.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has." *Margaret Mead (1901-1978), American Anthropologist*

## Membership form:

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"

Name ..... Address ..... Postcode .....

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Name of organisation if applicable .....

Signed ..... Date .....

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## Diary dates:

Members Meeting  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
7:30pm at the Glue Pot.  
Gluepot Castletown



## Got your knickers in a twist?

Oxfam are here to help! Are you troubled by the challenges facing us today? You know about climate change, poverty or injustice but just don't know what to do about it? Check out the ideas from Oxfam designed to untwist your knickers.

[http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get\\_involved/festivals/untwist.html](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/festivals/untwist.html)

There are loads of ways to get involved... helping out at (or arranging) festivals!, signing petitions, donating, raising awareness, learning about what's going on, buying Fairtrade... in fact just what we recommend at the One World Centre too. Don't give into the doom merchants!

