

# ONE WORLD / THREE LEGS



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This last quarter seems to have been a particularly busy one. Maybe that's an indication that things are really happening here on the Island! The good news is that we seem to be on line to finally becoming recognised as a Fairtrade Island. As we celebrate the bicentenary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, and commemorate the role the Island took in that trade, I can't think of a more appropriate way to show the world that as a nation we have moved on! Congratulations to each person who has helped us reach this point in our Islands history!



## Flying kites for freedom!

There are some points in history that deserve to be remembered by future generations, dates that represent remarkable achievements, courageous individuals and a turning point in the consciousness of society. 25<sup>th</sup> March 1807, the signing of the act abolishing the slave trade in the British Empire is surely one of these dates.

Wilberforce was one man, among many in Britain and around the world, who fought over a number of years to bring about the end of the slave trade. In remembering his success we must also remember that there is still work to be done, that slavery is as much a problem today as it was 200 years ago.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007, 'Freedom day', the One World Centre, working in conjunction with Amnesty International Isle of Man, launched our campaign for 2007 – Think Freedom. In the lead up to the launch we ran a series of community kite making workshops creating a number of beautiful kites some of which were used on 'Freedom day'.

At 3pm on Freedom day, the cathedral bells were rung in Peel, and people from all around the Island climbed Peel hill to fly their kites for Freedom, a human right that we take for granted but that millions around the world live without.

The scale of slavery today is enormous; matching the illegal arms and drugs trade, and almost every country has some form of involvement. It's not an easy fact to accept, but our lifestyles and the choices we make can be part of the problem. 'Think Freedom' is about offering alternatives, showing what the average person can do to make a difference.

The first step is to recognise slavery still exists, the second is to realise we can all do something about it. By taking part in 'Freedom day' Peel hill the Manx public did both of these things... lets hope the kites were flying on the winds of change!

## What can you do...?!

### Using Your Consumer Power

Shop ethically – buy Fairtrade or buy from retailers with good labour standards

If you spot a bargain, think – Who's paying the real price?!

Don't Boycott – If you are unsure of the labour standards of a company, or if you know their standards are poor then make your voice heard.

*If you are a customer you have influence*

### Campaigning

Add your voice to postcard campaigns, see:

[www.antislavery.org](http://www.antislavery.org),  
[www.labourbehindthelabel.org](http://www.labourbehindthelabel.org)

[www.cleanupfashion.co.uk](http://www.cleanupfashion.co.uk)  
[www.ethicalconsumer.org](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org)  
[www.nosweat.org.uk](http://www.nosweat.org.uk)

Join Amnesty Isle of Man contact Cyril Rogers

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Spread the word – make others aware of the issues and what they can do!



## Fairtrade Fortnight...

Every year, just a couple of weeks into the Lenten period, falls the perfect excuse to eat chocolate - Fairtrade fortnight. With the number of retailers stocking Fairtrade on the Island, and the availability and variety of Fairtrade products increasing all the time, this year's fortnight was really one to celebrate. A number of local businesses worked together to promote Fairtrade over the middle weekend by opening a Fairtrade tasting venue. The old Ministry of Suits building in Duke Street was transformed into a haven of Fairtrade products. Samples of tea, coffee, orange juice, chocolate, biscuits and eccles cakes were available to the public - with many more items including crafts and clothing on display. The Shop proved to be hugely popular with crowds of people passing through during the two days it was open.



## Oh Island so strong and so FAIR!!!

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February - mark that date in your calendar. It's the date that the hard work of local shoppers, businesses, schools and churches was matched by the Isle of Man Government. Phil Gawne MHK presented Tynwald with a resolution supporting Fairtrade which also agreed to make Fairtrade products available to staff and at all government meetings. A brief discussion in Tynwald was all that was needed to secure this last, but vital, criteria to enable us to apply for Fairtrade Island status.

### *So what does being a Fairtrade Island mean?*

Well, we have to have a certain number of shops, businesses, schools, churches and catering establishments with Fairtrade products available. This number is set by the Fairtrade Foundation and is based on population size. We also need a government resolution backing the principles of Fairtrade. Finally it is the role of the Fairtrade Island Initiative to increase awareness, and importantly, understanding of what Fairtrade means, through the media and community outreach.

Being a Fairtrade Island doesn't mean that products without the mark are no longer available, but it does mean that we have the option to choose Fairtrade. The title of Fairtrade Island makes the rest of the world aware that as a community we believe in justice and the rights of workers on every continent to earn a Fair wage for their labour. On an Island that enjoys such affluence, and whose population is consistently generous, Fairtrade Island Status is a significant and positive statement showing that we see ourselves as part of a global community.

## Amnesty International Isle of Man Relaunch

Do you have an interest in human rights issues? Are you already an active campaigner? Would you like to understand more about campaigning and how to get involved in protecting the human rights of people around the world?

The Isle of Man Amnesty group was set up in 1994, in recent years they have campaigned against in Sudan, China, former Yugoslavia, Turkey, U.S.A., Burma, Saudi Arabia, Russia and Colombia.

They have also promoted major U.K. and international campaigns highlighting refugees, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the plight of children in war, the Arms Trade and Arms Brokering, Torture, "Disappearances" and Unfair Trials.

If you want a hands on role within the group then you could take part in one of the public events they run each year - the Amnesty Greetings Card campaign, responding to Urgent Action Appeals or raising funds for Amnesty U.K. They also offer an information service to schools, churches and voluntary groups.

The group has identified 4 main campaigns for 2007, Conflict diamonds, Human Rights in Colombia, Control Arms and Human Trafficking.

The next meeting will be held at the One World Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> June from 10:30-12:00, other key dates for 2007 include the Tynwald Day stall on July 5<sup>th</sup>, Amnesty International Action Week in October and Human Rights Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. From December to January the group will be running the "Send a Message of Hope" Greetings Card campaign at various venues around the island.

All members receive monthly newsletters and updates on our campaign activities. Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for human rights. They are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion.

If you are interested in joining please contact Cyril Rogers on [cd\\_rogers@manx.net](mailto:cd_rogers@manx.net)



We often hear people saying they have tried Fairtrade and didn't like the taste, but times have changed. With Fairtrade coffees from all around the world now on supermarket shelves, and the quality better than ever - it's unlikely that you can't find one that tickles your tastebuds! Feedback from both volunteers and the public was that awareness on the Island of Fairtrade, and what that means, is increasing, with many visitors declaring it their purchase of choice.

A directory of Fairtrade outlets on the Island is being compiled and will be available on our website. If you know of anywhere that stocks Fairtrade that we might not know about then please contact us and we'll add it to the list!

## Overseas Aid Budget - The Butterfly Effect continues...

Two years ago the Government passed a resolution committing to increase the Overseas Aid budget to 0.7% of our GDP by 2013, in line with the UN recommendations. In March, Treasury Minister Alan Bell announced that Overseas Aid would receive an additional £400,000 making the current figure 0.13% of our GDP. We welcome this increase and the two new representatives on the Overseas Aid committee, Juan Watterson MHK and Pamela Crowe MLC

### President Eisenhower

"Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration and co-operation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace."

## Charity Challenge IoM

A memorable evening showcasing the remarkable work of 4 groups of sixth form students from St Ninian's. The Charity Challenge presentation took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> March and was the culmination of months of hard work by students and staff of St Ninians under the guidance of the One World Centre.

The four groups were asked to select a charity supported by the Isle of Man Overseas Aid committee each, and research the work of that charity in the developing world. There were specific criteria each presentation had to meet, including a study of the country, and how the organisation had made a difference to the life of an individual child.

All four presentations were of outstanding quality, and each one made a lasting impact on the audience.

"We all felt inspired but very humbled", commented one of the judges.

The winning group 'Ignition' was presented with £2000 from the H & S Davidson Trust for their chosen charity Everychild, while spontaneous and generous donations from audience members meant that all of the charities represented benefited from the event.

### Ignition – our experience...

*There were many attractions that Developing World Charity Challenge had over the other extra-curricular activities we could have been involved in during Year 12 at St Ninian's High School. Firstly, it was a new thing this year, so there was always an element of excitement and difference to it that the other options just didn't have. It also meant that teachers and students were discovering how the finer points of the project worked at the same time, and as students taking part we were able to influence the project along the lines that we would have preferred. Secondly, there was the appeal of doing something that not only looked good on our university applications but also made a real difference in the world. £2000 is a huge amount of money, and the thought of being able to donate that to a charity and the difference it would make to so many peoples' lives, spurred us on to produce a*

*presentation so much better than we perhaps would have done otherwise. We have learned so much through this project, it's hard to know where to start. Working together as a team was perhaps the most valuable thing we have learned, as it is a skill that we can take with us for the rest of our lives. Organisational skills were another important thing we learned, as there's nothing like the pressure of a presentation in front of a large audience to get you making time to learn your lines! Of course, finding out about charities and how they work was a major part of the project. For us, it came as quite a surprise to realise just how widespread the work of one charity can be. Seeing an advert on the television really does not do justice to the sheer amount of work that happens behind the scenes – as well as on the ground – in a NGO.*

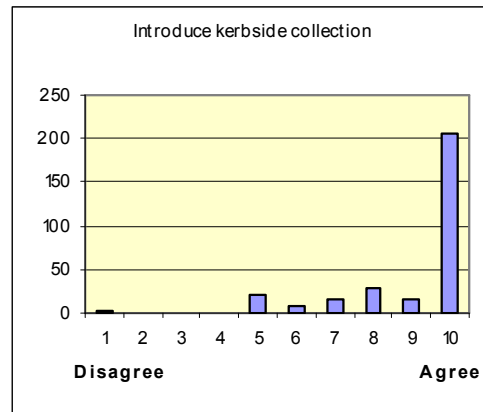
### Energy efficiency exhibition

The Department of Trade and Industry held the third annual Energy Efficiency Exhibition at the Villa Marina on the 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February. The event was well attended by the public, making the most of this opportunity to find out more about solar and wind power, insulation, energy efficient lighting, recycling and water among many other things. Advice was available from local companies and charities including, Zero Waste Mann, IoM Friends of the

Earth and the Manx Energy Advice Centre. We worked throughout the 3 day exhibition asking members of the public a series of questions designed to gauge public opinion about energy efficiency on the Island.

The responses were collated and sent to several MHK's in both spreadsheet and graft form.

If you are interested in the results, or in filling in a questionnaire a copy is available on both the One World Centre and Island 21's websites.



### Manx links with Slavery Schools pack available!



*A great deal*



**WITH A BITTER TASTE**

To mark the bicentenary of the abolition of the Slave Trade in the British Empire, black history is becoming a required part of the school curriculum.

The Isle of Man had a direct involvement in the Slave Trade, most famously with the last legal slave ship that sailed being captained by a Manx Man. Today slavery still exists and it is important to address this in any teaching about the history of slavery.

Working with the expertise of historian Frances Wilkins, and with local teachers the One

World Centre has produced a schools pack on slavery. This powerpoint presentation makes direct connections with the Isle of Man – both historically and today, and fits into the history and global citizenship curriculum.

The pack will be launched after the school holidays and will be available to all schools on the Island.

Alongside this resource we also have a series of posters looking at contemporary slavery in all its forms. The posters will be available to download from our website [www.oneworldcentreiom.org](http://www.oneworldcentreiom.org) if you'd like more information about the Manx Links – Slavery pack please contact [Katie@owciom.org](mailto:Katie@owciom.org)

## Kenya trip

A visit to a developing country can have a powerful and positive effect on a young person's motivation, worldview and career. These days many opportunities exist to visit developing countries, but most often these are taken up by university students and graduates. Excellent Development – a charity founded by a Manx man – alongside a number of people on the Island, are helping to organise a trip especially for young people on the Island who may otherwise be unlikely to enjoy such an opportunity.

By spending three weeks helping to build small dams alongside local people in an arid part of Kenya, around ten young adults will develop citizenship skills by broadening their horizons and growing in confidence, and indeed in their potential to flourish. As such this proposal has gained the approval of the IoM's Positive National Identity ('Freedom to Flourish') Committee. Participants will be 18-24 years old, but they must have left school at 16. IoM College students (over 18) are welcome. The trip will be for three weeks in July

2007 and will be managed and led by Quest Overseas, an organisation which specialises in such visits and works closely with ED. It is important that participants will be required to 'tell their story' once back on the Island. The IoM One World Centre will help facilitate this, as well as have an input into a pre-trip briefing day run on the IoM by Quest. Total costs will be in the region of £2,500 per participant. £2,000 of this is being generously sponsored by a range of local charitable trusts, companies, and bursaries. Each participant is required to raise the remainder which it is estimated will be about £500.

Deadline for submitting application forms:

**Mon 23 April**

Selection interviews (compulsory):

**Sat 12 May**

Briefing day (compulsory):

**Sat 16 June**

Kenya trip (approx):

**7-28 July**

For further enquiries or an application form please contact Phil Craine (Freedom to Flourish Kenya Experience Coordinator) tel: 672224; email: pcraine@christian-aid.org

## Diary dates:

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm**

**An Inconvenient Truth by Al Gore**  
Erin Arts Centre, Port Erin

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 8:00pm**

**Fantasia**

Centenary Centre, Peel

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Deadline for Kenya Experience Applications**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7:30**

**An Inconvenient Truth by Al Gore**  
Castletown Town Hall

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Slave Trade Walk, (Phil Craine & Frances Wilkins) Peel**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm**

**Members meeting at the Glue pot.**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 10:30 - 12:00**

**Amnesty International Meeting at the One World Centre**

## Water Privatisation – UPDATE!!

Last year we brought you details of the World Development Movement's campaign against the privatisation of water in Developing countries by UK companies. With British Government backing several consultancy firms have made huge profits through this policy, while poor countries have been driven further into debt and left with inadequate and ineffective water systems.

WDM's ongoing campaign against this practice has recently seen political action in response to their work.

Disappointingly perhaps, for UK campaigners, it's the policy of the Norwegian government that's changed! Following a report produced by WDM and the Norwegian Association of International Water Studies, funding for a controversial scheme which promoted water privatisation has been withdrawn.

Unfortunately, earlier this year the Guyanese government cancelled its water management contract UK-based company Severn Trent Water on the grounds that it had failed to meet several of the targets originally set, including those for extending water supply to the poorest communities. Millions of pounds of UK government aid money had already been spent on the project. Severn Trent now want to start again in Nepal, against the wishes of local water campaigners who would rather see reform of their publicly owned utilities. If you want to support the campaign to stop Severn Trent from making the same mistake twice visit <http://www.wdm.org.uk/campaigns/water/action/severntrentinternational.php>

## The Great Global Warming Swindle Swindle...!

After decades of dedicated campaigning and awareness raising by environmental groups, it seemed that in 2006 the facts of Climate Change were finally being accepted by the mainstream.

Then in March Channel 4 showed a documentary which purported to show that the theory that Global Climate change was a man made problem was not true. This programme could be hugely damaging in attempting to undermine the scientific evidence that has been gathered over so many years. Since the programme was aired much of the evidence it presented has been disproved because Data and graphs were out of date or inaccurate. One graph showing a period of global cooling between 1940-75 when the post-war economic boom was underway, claimed to prove global warming had little to do with industrial carbon emissions. However not only was this graph produced by well known climate sceptics, and distorted for the purposes of the programme but this argument is decades out of date. This period is actually explained by industrial emissions of sulphate products which reflect sunlight and mask the warming effects. These emissions have reduced as clean air laws have been introduced. One of the scientists who took part in the programme has claimed he was taken out of context and demanded his involvement be removed from the programme. So the evidence shows we have to keep on cutting the Carbon!!

If you'd like to read more please go to

[http://www.medialens.org/alerts/07/0313pure\\_propaganda\\_the.php](http://www.medialens.org/alerts/07/0313pure_propaganda_the.php)

[http://news.independent.co.uk/environment/climate\\_change/article2355956.ace](http://news.independent.co.uk/environment/climate_change/article2355956.ace)

## Al Gore – visiting a parish near you!

An Inconvenient Truth, Al Gore's Oscar winning documentary, has proven to be one of the most influential films of recent time. His clear and well researched examination spells out the devastating impact Global Climate Change will have around the world. The Climate Coalition are organising viewings of this film in communities around the Island. If you'd like to organise one for your local group please get in touch.

