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Hi, I'm not going to comment on the fact that the year seems to be speeding past us, or that once again life seems very, very busy, you've heard all that before....what is new and exciting is the number of people who are making contact with us, either a volunteers or just to share ideas and experiences.

It's good to feel that the wave of consciousness is spreading and that more and more people are getting in touch because they *want* to make a difference in this world..... we value you staying in contact with us and helping us in our work. Many thanks.....

Travelling on a wave of consciousness..!



Have you ever felt like whatever you do it's only a drop in the ocean, that as only one person you're powerless to affect the bigger problems the world faces? Sometimes we all need to be reminded that while on our own the challenge is overwhelming – if we work together anything is possible!

Think Freedom! our campaign on contemporary slavery, has been running for 4 months now. Already the message is being heard and understood on the Island.

This year we shared a stall with Amnesty International IoM at Tynwald Fair asking members of the public to help create a 'wave of consciousness'. All they had to do was cut out a teardrop shape and on it write a pledge to reduce their own personal connection with slave labour around the world. We collected many different ideas, including...

- Shop **ethically**
- **Question** retailers
- Make my **voice** heard
- Spend less on **consumer** products
- Join an **action** group
- Keep the **faith!**

As a community that enjoys relative wealth, and with many people for whom shopping is a hobby not a chore, think of our strength in numbers! If each of us were to take personal responsibility for our retail habits real changes could be made.

Already large stores like Marks and Spencer and Topshop are selling Fairtrade clothing, local companies like Shakti Man and Laxey Woolen Mills offer Fairtrade products that are not mass marketed and it's never been easier to buy Fairtrade food and drink.

Buying Fairtrade isn't the only way you can make a difference. By challenging retailers to be open about their labour standards and expressing your concerns you are taking action. Retailers supply the market to meet shoppers demands. If we can show them they have got it wrong – that we want to buy sweatshop free goods before buying a bargain they must respond!

Another pledge we collected was to 'Be a **responsible** traveler'. You may not be able to tell it's summer from the weather, but this is the busiest time of the year for holidays abroad – tourism is a huge

industry world wide. Many people may not know that working conditions in resorts offered by the 4 major tour operators often break international and national labour laws around the world. Long hours, hazardous equipment and little or no job security are just some examples of what employees might face.

Tourism Concern is running a campaign, to ensure fair and legal labour conditions

(www.tourismconcern.org.uk)

There are other things you can do to be a responsible traveler.

~Where you can, buy from local people – which means your cash goes into the community.

~Minimise your environmental impact. Think about what happens to your rubbish and be sensitive to limited resources like water, fuel and electricity.

~Open your mind to a new culture!

This year when you're booking your holiday look beyond the glossy brochure and book ethically!

Fairtrade Shocklaid!

The first Manx branded Fairtrade product has hit the shelves. Zotter organic and Fairtrade chocolate is a real indulgence, or an ideal gift. There are two flavours available, butter caramel (Shocklaid Vainnagh) and dark chocolate fondant (Shocklaid Ghoo).

Find them in Shakti Man, the Manx Co-op, Manx National Heritage stores and many more!



Flower Festival 2007

The theme for this years flower festival took its inspiration from the Bicentenary of the abolition of the Slave Trade. 'Let my people go' was interpreted in flower by churches across the Island.

Several churches came to the One World Centre for materials and information which they used to create colourful, informative and interesting displays. Laxey replicated our 'Think Freedom' poster in a stunning flower arrangement.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."
Anne Frank

Armchair Activism

A great success, but there's more to do!

We often update you with campaigns from Survival International and it's wonderful to be able to share good news! Forty two Iban tribespeople from the rainforests of Malaysian Borneo were arrested in 1997 for defending their forest homeland against oil palm plantations recently won their case for wrongful arrest. Their lawyer Harrison Hgau said 'This victory brightens up our spirit in our struggle for the recognition of native land rights.' However, while we celebrate this success, action is urgently needed in other cases of indigenous people fighting to protect their land rights.

The Enawene Nawe live in an area of savannah and tropical rainforest in Mato Grosso state, western Brazil. They are a relatively isolated people who were first contacted in 1974. Unusually for an Amazonian tribe, they do not hunt eat red meat so fish is an essential part of their diet. Although most of their land was officially recognised in 1996, a crucial area called the Rio Preto, where the Indians gather each year to trap and smoke fish, was left out.

The area is being heavily invaded by Ranchers and recently the area's state government has announced plans to build hydroelectric dams upriver of the Enawene Nawe's land.

The Enawene are urgently pressing for this area to be protected from the loggers and soya who are destroying the forest and polluting the land and rivers. Survival is lobbying the Brazilian government to recognise the Rio Preto region as Enawene Nawe land as a matter of urgency. Survival supports a land protection project run by the Enawene and the Brazilian non-governmental organisation OPAN.

You can help too by

~ **Writing** to the Brazilian government to express your concern

Sr Tarso Genro, Minister of Justice, Ministério de Justiça, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco T 70064-900, Brasilia DF, Brazil

~ **Writing** a letter to your MHK or Gordon Brown.

~ **Writing** to your local Brazilian embassy. Embassy of Brazil, 32 Green Street, London W1K 7AT

Inside the mind of a development worker...

Over the last couple of years we've brought you speakers from all over the world from Bolivia to Haiti, Sri Lanka to Peru. The insight they have given us to the work local people are doing in developing countries to help their own communities has been fascinating. This summer we've brought you speakers with a different perspective.

Clare Bader visited secondary schools talking to sixth formers about careers in development. She has been working overseas in development for over 10 year and helped to set up Jacana World, an NGO based in Tanzania. We were also fortunate to hear Linda Tioncgo speak at the Sanctuary about her work for Christian Aid helping the Tsunami reconstruction in Sri Lanka. Linda provided an invaluable understanding into the challenges and successes of a large development organisation like Christian Aid.

Fairtrade updates!

To everyone who has contacted us with information about outlets who are selling Fairtrade products, business who are providing Fairtrade refreshments for their staff, or community groups supporting Fairtrade – **THANK YOU!!**

We are compiling a comprehensive Fairtrade IoM guide which is still growing. If you'd like a copy or if you have more places to add please get in touch.

There was a Fairtrade presence on Tynwald day with a stall selling the new Zotter Fairtrade Manx branded chocolate, and a competition for a Fairtrade hamper supplied by the Manx Co-op. The lucky winner, Ciara Mellon, correctly identified a number of Fairtrade outlets around the Island from obscure photos!

If you are a teacher or run a youth group and would like to cover Fairtrade we have a workshop available. Get in touch!



STOP PRESS A Festival of Manx connections! **STOP PRESS**

we may live on a tiny island and not only a small number of the world's population, but that hasn't stopped many people on the Isle of Man making connections with the wider world.

Since the One World Centre opened in October 2004 we have been putting together a database of all of the local charities, or local individuals who are involved with charities who work in the developing world. The contacts we've made in this time are truly inspiring, thoughtful energetic characters who spend what free time they have outside of the work and family commitments, helping people around the world.

Often these people are unsung heroes who have made real and lasting differences to communities and individuals.

In recognition of the achievements of these charities we are organising a 'Festival of Manx Connections

This is an opportunity for you to come and find out more about the work being carried out, the people driving it and where the money you donate actually goes. The event will be a festival of cultural diversity with childrens workshops, music and film.

We seek to help each of the charities to raise their profile both within the business community, and around the Island. The festival will be open to businesses and schools on the Friday 5th October, and to the public on the Saturday 6th October. **If you are involved with a charity** that you think should be involved and we haven't already contacted you there is still time for you to sign up.

If you think your company should be represented on the Friday send us details of where you work and who to contact.

If you are interested in the wider world or development work don't miss this opportunity to find out more.

Come along to the Villa Marina on the 5th and 6th October!



Footprints... An Eco Extravaganza!



Again and again we're told of the terrible consequences of Global Climate change. Ice caps melting, hundreds of millions of climate refugees, more severe weather patterns world wide. A bleak picture whichever way you look at it. Or is it....

A team of environmental experts and enthusiasts spent a day in Castle Rushen working with year seven students to look at the changes they can make to their own lifestyles which could make a difference. Now in it's third year, Eco Day posed questions, offered solutions and encouraged the students to get active! 16 different workshops were offered with each student taking 3 of them. Groups were able to learn more about trees and how they grow with the Permaculture

society and Dalby Woodland. They investigated their local built environment with the Employers Federation and discovered more about recycling with Zero Waste Mann.

The Manx Organic Network ran a workshop and provided delicious organic snacks for the break. Wood sculpture, eco mural and a green film offered artistic options while government departments also took part. DLGE taught recycled paper making, DoT taught road safety, the wildlife park brought a number of creatures – including a boa constrictor, and the Manx Wildlife Trust & Wildflowers of Mann took the students on a nature walk. IoM Friends of the Earth was joined by their North West representative to talk about carbon footprints and Shakti Man ran a Fairtrade workshop. Castle Rushen itself organised a group building a hemp house complete with turf roofing, which will be used as a bicycle shed! The performance drama group Moving Sounds returned thanks to sponsorship from the Isle of Man Bank. This year they were also able to spend a whole day with year seven groups from the 5 state secondary schools with a great response from both teachers and students.

"Paper recycling is fun and I would like to start recycling in school"

Ellie, paper making

Live simply that others may simply live.



A group of students from the school performed celtic music, interspersed by sketches illustrating the climate change connections between the Isle of Man and the wider world. Many of the students who had worked with Moving sounds during the day returned and performed pieces they had created during the day, followed by a riot of music and the Embale, (the world's largest xylophone from Uganda!).

Audience participation was obligatory, the performers asked a simple question "Can we make a difference?" – the reply from the feet stomping, hand clapping audience?! **"Yes we can!"**

I think more people should listen to this subject and do something about it.

B. Mort, Fairtrade



Please get a cycle path, please!
Matthew, Cycling proficiency

The achievements of the Eco Day were showcased in an evening performance at the school.

The Kenya Experience begins...

Earlier this year 13 young adults were selected to travel to Kenya with the charity Excellent Development to help with a dam building project. The trip was sponsored by a number of local charities and companies and the chosen few were aged between 18 -24 but had left school at 16. Preparations included an orientation day at the OWC which explained what the participants should expect, and also prepared them for the cultural differences they were to come across. We look forward to hearing about their experiences on their return.



A bright idea!

It seems like energy efficiency is catching on. Last year Australia became the first country to announce it was phasing out old-fashioned, energy wasting incandescent light bulbs. Since then most retailers have made commitments to remove inefficient light bulbs from their shelves by 2011 at the latest and in the UK Currys has already done so. Unfortunately, Woolworths are lagging behind. So far they've made no commitments to stop selling energy-wasting bulbs and have slapped excessively high prices on the few efficient bulbs they do sell.

Improving our energy efficiency is one of the easiest and cheapest ways to reduce carbon emissions, and getting rid of old fashioned light bulbs would be a good start. Help to give Woolworths a nudge in the right direction, by emailing Trever Bish-Jones, Chief Executive officer (go to <http://www.greenpeace.org.uk/start.html>), or contacting your local branch. Talking to your local branch will have an enormous impact, especially if you insist that your concerns are passed on to head office.

Thought for the future...

The One World Centre attended the annual higher education conference at Ballakermeen High School in June. We talked to students, parents and teachers over the 2 days about the variety of careers available in the voluntary sector, the types of degrees that would lead to an ethical career and how to chose an ethical gap year. There was a good response from the individuals we spoke to with many thoughtful questions asked..

Give Peace A Chance.

As the UN finally commits to sending peace keepers into Sudan, Amnesty International is asking you to help 'give peace a chance' and to support the call for action to help the people of Darfur. Amnesty recently released Instant Karma, an album of Lennon songs with a modern twist. All of the songs are covered by some of the biggest international names in music who came together to raise money for Amnesty International and to raise awareness of the organisation's work -especially over the human rights crisis in Darfur, Sudan.

Sudan is the largest country on the African continent, and it is in crisis. Since February 2003 the people of the Darfur region in Western Sudan have been caught up in a bitter conflict. The last 4 years have seen 3 million people displaced and 300,000 dead in Sudan and neighbouring countries. Civilians have borne the brunt of the conflict. Murder, rape, torture and mass forced displacement of civilians continue to be used as weapons of war. Amnesty is calling for action from the governments of the world to bring about an end to this humanitarian crisis and to hold the perpetrators to account.

Twenty eight stars including U2, Avril Lavigne, R.E.M, Aerosmith, Christina Aguilera, Green Day, The Cure, Snow Patrol and Youssou N'Dour - will appear on a new double CD - Instant Karma: The Amnesty International Campaign To Save Darfur - featuring exclusive versions of iconic songs from the John Lennon back catalogue.

Yoko Ono generously donated all music-publishing royalties to the project.

All the songs are available at: <http://noise.amnesty.org/store> or via the Amnesty International 'Make Some Noise' website at: www.amnesty.org/noise

Happy birthday to us!

Another year older, it's almost time once again to look back over our work of the last year. We'll be holding our AGM at the Sanctuary in Douglas on September 20th from 7:30pm. While some official business will need to be attended to it is really an excuse for a party and an opportunity to say thank you to you all for your continued support. Please do come along for mingling and snacks!

Diary dates:

Monday 6th August 7:30pm
Members meeting at the Glue Pot Castletown.
Open to anyone wanting to know more about our work, or wanting to get involved.

Sunday 2nd September
Baka Beyond 8pm
The original African - Celtic cross over band!

Monday 3rd September 7:30pm
Members meeting at the Glue pot.

Thursday 20th September 7:30pm
OWC AGM, The Sanctuary, Douglas

Friday 5th & Saturday 6th October
Festival of Manx Connections
A two day celebration of the work and determination of local charities working overseas

Positive News!

A common side effect to reading the newspaper these days can be feelings of total despair. Headline after headline of tragedy, corruption or disaster. It can be a real challenge to get past page 5 without thinking there's no hope left.

What we need is a publication that champions the good in the world, that is packed from front to back with only good news stories. A newspaper that inspires and cheers you. But wait.... There is such a thing! Positive News is a fantastic quarterly newspaper which covers news stories from around the world about ordinary (and not so ordinary) people making a difference. It has been networked through several places on the Isle of Man for a number of years but we'd like it to reach a much larger audience.

Are you able to help?! We need volunteers to deliver copies to outlets around the Island for us on a quarterly basis. Would you like copies in your workplace for staff or customers to be able to read? If so let us know!

"Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius - and a lot of courage - to move in the opposite direction."
EF Schumacher

Rapid Response Coalition – Darfur and Chad Appeal

In 2005 there were (4) Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) appeals, In 2006 there were none. Then in June 2007 the DEC announced it was launching an appeal for Darfur and Chad.

The purpose of the DEC is to act immediately when a crisis arises - therefore it can't be planned on a calendar months ahead. The IoM Rapid Response Coalition is set up to arrange street collections on the second weekend of the appeal - with the Darfur and Chad appeal this was the first weekend of TT week. Luckily we like a challenge and volunteers took to the streets around the Island on Friday and Saturday with orange buckets. Thanks to their hard work, and thanks to the public for their generosity we helped to raise almost £2000 for the Darfur and Chad appeal. The success of the collection is dependant on volunteers. If you'd like to volunteer in future collections please contact us on 825464 or Katie@owciom.org. Please remember you may be contacted at very short notice!!!

Baka Beyond – Call of the Forest

The world's first African - Celtic crossover group, Baka Beyond, are visiting the Island in September - According to a previous review "As a live experience, it's not so much about tapping your feet as throwing your arms wildly in the air, giving your body a rhythmical workout... Keeping still is only an option for the dead, or those too mesmerised by the sheer joy of it all."

Surely an evening not to be missed!

Peel Centenary Centre, Sunday September 2nd, 8pm
£14.50 (£15 on the door)