

# ONE WORLD / THREE LEGS



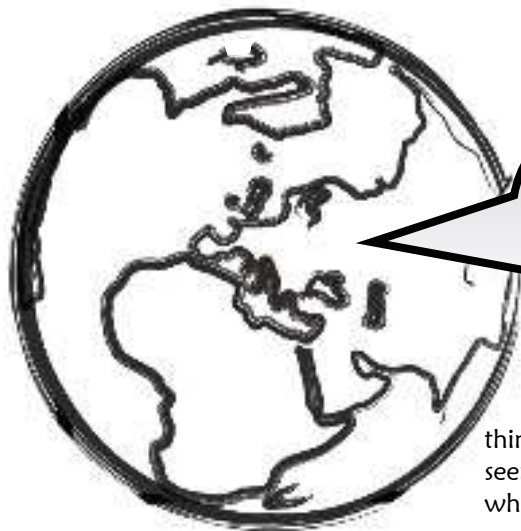
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*Hi, this "quarterly" comes with apologies for its somewhat late arrival; if we tell you we have done over 85 school visits and community events since the beginning of the new year and have spoken directly to approximately 3250 + people in the last 4 months ....does that help to explain why we're running just a tad late? The pace of life has moved up a notch as we are used more regularly by schools.*

*We hope that this issue helps give some insight into the things we do and why we do them.....if you would like to be involved or to help us in any way please do get in touch,*



Hey  
Big Spender!  
*Spend a little time on me.*

Over the last 2 years the One World Centre has run awareness raising campaigns on the issues of climate change and contemporary slavery. We've encouraged the reduction of carbon emissions and ethical consumerism. This year we are developing both themes in our **Hey Big Spender** campaign.

Did you know that shoppers in the UK spend on average £2400 every year on non-food items? This is a huge £144 billion a year on



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things like furniture, clothing and gadgets. It seems we are living in a consumer society in which everything is disposable and renewable. People are choosing to buy new to replace existing items at a rate that is increasing at 5 times the speed of global population growth. It seems that we are sufficiently wealthy to allow the power of advertising to convince us that following the trend is a necessity and we just need more...

Our obsession with spending may be good for the economy but it is not so good for the environment or the people of this planet, and our demand on natural resources is just not sustainable. Our shopping habits have direct impact upon the majority population of the world; we have the choice if it is a positive or negative impact. In talking

about carbon emissions people often point their finger at China saying it is building 2 power stations every week...

surely that is where the real problem lies? They seem to forget that the power stations are providing the energy to produce all those

cheap "made in China" products that we so readily buy. Our supermarkets and high street stores may be offering us lower and lower prices, but at what cost? With increased production the planet faces increased carbon emissions, whilst men, women and children are often working in slave like condition in sweatshops or on local farms to supply our "needs". The mantra to reduce, reuse and recycle are well known; Reuse and Recycle are slowly catching on, but what about the third and most important element, to reduce.

Hey Big Spender aims to encourage conscious consumerism, to reduce demand whilst increasing the benefits of our purchasing for the producer. It is only by conscious consumerism and by challenging retailers to improve their trading standards that we can bring about change. People sometimes comment upon the price of ethical consumerism, but the price of non ethical consumerism is much greater to both the planet and the people of the planet. By becoming an ethical consumer as well as a carbon conscious consumer, we help both the people and the planet; Each day the choice is ours.

## Charity Challenge

Six months of dedicated research, thoughtful interpretation and creative presentation by students from 5 of the Island's secondary schools culminated in a hugely impressive and emotional evening at the Manx Museum. After a successful pilot project at St Ninians last year, the Charity Challenge was rolled out across the other secondary schools.

The challenge the students were set was to research the work of a Manx charity working overseas, or a charity supported by the IoM overseas Aid Committee. They were to select the charity they felt they most wanted to represent, and then put together a 20 minute multimedia presentation. Within the presentation the students were to give a sensitive portrayal of how that charity has changed the life of a child through its work. A panel of judges had the unenviable job of dividing the H&S Davidson Trust's grant of £4000.00 between the teams to be awarded to the Charities represented, based on the final presentations.

On the night each group was fantastic. The students showed a genuine understanding of the Development issues the charities are working with, and delivered very professional yet moving presentations.



Ballakermeen received £1,200 for Childcare Kitgum Servants, a charity working in Uganda providing education training, opportunities and basic care to children who survived the bitter civil war in a country ravaged by the Aids epidemic.

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King William's College received £600 for Child-Link International Aid Foundation.

The charity runs orphanages for 900 disadvantaged children in Tamil Nadu, India, including many left orphaned by the 2004 tsunami.



Queen Elizabeth II received £800 for The Malawi Mission Project, a charity which was set up by a local man which works to provide fresh water and reduce disease in Malawi - the world's 6<sup>th</sup> poorest country. They also provide medical aid, clothing, sports equipment, seed and emergency food aid.



St Ninian's High school received £800 for Out of Afrika who are working in Kenya. The Charity promotes sponsored education, college training and even the construction of schools.



Castle Rushen High School received £600 for Coaching for Hope which promotes awareness of sexual health through the universal language of football in two of Africa's most disease-ridden countries, Mali and Burkina Faso.

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### Felix and Cheryl in schools

Fanta, Fanta, Fantastic! That was the response to Felix Ngindu, a drummer originally from the Congo who visited Manx schools in March. Felix is an expert musician with a wonderfully natural ability to engage children.

We first worked with Felix on the Festival of Manx Connections in October last year and quickly realised that we needed to get him into schools on the Island. The uptake from the schools confirmed this, with the 8 workshops on offer being booked up within 30 minutes!! The workshop included a story about Kenya from Cheryl raising some of the issues faced by children in a rural community



It's time to put your order in for the next copy of Positive news which is winging its way to the Island now. Thanks to B&B furniture we have been able to avoid a huge increase in postal costs and can continue to distribute the paper Island wide. A big thank you also to Friends of the Earth IoM and Greens restaurant, who contribute funding to bringing Positive News over and Jenny Stowell who has taken on the mammoth job of organisation and delivery - It couldn't be done without you! So now... let's think bigger! We've already increased the number of copies we order in response to demand, and could easily do so again... if we have the support. We are looking for more sponsors who would be happy to pay just £16 a year - which would cover 500 copies. The outreach across the Island with Positive News is huge, it is available in every town, through cafes, libraries, schools and offices. If you can help with either the funding of Positive news, or by letting us know of other places you know would like to receive copies then please get in touch, [jenstowell@hotmail.com](mailto:jenstowell@hotmail.com)

### Our wish list... To extend our schools team!

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic people who are flexible, adaptable, creative and good communicators who would be interested to join our schools team.

Our schools work is very varied, covering all the island junior and secondary schools, youth & community and the IoM College; we cover issues like sustainability, human rights, Fairtrade, world awareness, cultural diversity, environmental awareness; empathy, global citizenship, world religions... the list is endless! We need people with teaching qualifications, or experience working in schools or youth clubs, and who are interested in development education and has an awareness of development issues; first hand knowledge of living in a developing country would be great! If you have areas of particular interest or expertise we hope we can use those skills.

This would be very much voluntary part time work with flexi hours, though we do offer to cover petrol costs and give some financial reimbursement just to help keep the butter on the bread, or the wolf from the door, depending upon where you are at! If you are interested, or know of anyone who may have skills we can use, do please get back to us and we can meet for a chat. [Cheryl@owciom.org](mailto:Cheryl@owciom.org)

### A BIG THANKS!

The One world Centre recently welcomed a new addition to its office. As the result of a combined initiative between Zurich and Big Fish we are now the proud owners of a rather swish printer - and we wanted to say thanks!



### Armchair Action.

Once again the World Development Movement have discovered an attempt by a UK company to make profits at the expense of vulnerable people living in poor countries. For the last few years they have been campaigning to stop British water companies pushing privatisation schemes poor countries, and achieved two big successes last year. Hilary Benn announced that the British Government would support the public sector on Bangladesh coal mine. Thanks to the signatures sent by WDM supporters both Severn Trent Water and the British Government were forced to change their policies. Fantastic news, well worth celebrating – a real example of how campaigning can work. Now they need your help again.

With the world's energy demands increasing and the oil supply running out what sacrifices do we expect the poor around the world to pay for us to maintain our lifestyle? Global Coal Management, A UK Company, has plans to build an open cast mine in Phulbari, Bangladesh. If they succeed in building this mine they will also have succeeded in destroying the homes of more than 40,000 people. Half the population of the Isle of Man. On top of this the water supply of 100,000 people will be put at risk. There is great local opposition to the mine with 3 people killed in protests already.

Please write to the chief executive of Global Coal Management to ask him to pull out of the Phulbari open-cast mine project.

<http://www.wdm.org.uk/campaigns/others/action/bangladeshmine.php>

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### 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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Signed ..... Date .....

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### Not just for tourists...

Spring is well underway and Summer is getting close. It's time to start thinking about digging out the suitcases and packing your towels for the sun loungers. As Cliff Richards once said we'll all be having fun and laughter on our summer holidays. No more worries for me and you... For a week or two! But does everyone enjoy our holidays? Tourism is one of the largest industries in the world, with millions of people depending on holiday makers for their livelihoods. However the impact of tourism isn't always positive, all too often governments in poor countries around the world are prioritising the need for visitors showers and swimming pools above the needs of their own people.

Survival International has launched an appeal to help the Kalahari Bushmen persuade the Botswana government to rethink a decision to encourage the building of 3 tourist lodges in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve – very close to the Bushman community of Molapo. While inviting companies to run tourist lodges the Government is refusing to allow the Bushmen to reopen a disused water borehole inside their reserve. There is a history to this battle. The Government forcibly evicted the Bushmen from the reserve in 2002, but they won the legal right to return to their land in 2006, and the Government are making this almost impossible.

Access to water is a basic human right, one that none of us could begin to imagine being denied. The Kalahari Bushmen desperately need your help.

### Write a letter to the Botswana Government

H.E. President Ian Khama, Office of the President, Private Bag 001, Gaborone, Botswana

### Write to your MHK

### Write to your local Botswana high commission or embassy.

Botswana Consulate in London, 6 Stratford Place, London, W1C 1AY

### Visit the Bushmen's own website.

<http://www.iwant2gohome.org/>

### Diary dates:

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

**Members meeting at the Glue pot.** Open to anyone wanting to know more about our work, or wanting to get involved. On the first Tuesday of this month due to the Bank Holiday.

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

#### Ecoday 2008 at QEII High School

Evening show featuring Movingsounds Drama group.

### 'Patchwork against Poverty'

Calling all knitters young and old, from the most experienced to beginners – Oxfam needs you!

They are making a giant baby blanket from 9inch knitted squares sent to them from across the UK by September. The finished blanket will have 250,000 squares – signifying the number of mothers who died in pregnancy or childbirth in that time. Send your squares with your name, address and email by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2008 to: Sarah Blakemore  
Oxfam campaigns  
47 Park Square East  
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Happy knitting!

### Green man directory

Congratulations to Island 21 on the launch of the Green Mann Directory. This fantastic guide to companies and organisations working with the environment on the Island is now available – and a real snip at £1!



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