

ONE WORLD / THREE LEGS



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Hi, Welcome to our new edition of One World/Three Legs the news sheet in which we hope you will be able to find out more about the work of the One World Centre here on the Isle of Man, who we are and what we're doing, and why we're doing it!

As always I'd like to offer my thanks to everyone who has worked on our behalf over the last few months, once again there has been so much happening!!

Please do keep in touch, drop by, email or ring, especially if there are any issues you would like us to represent, any items you feel we need to cover. We love to hear from you!



Newsnews.....Breaking the umbilical cord!

The One World Centre has relocated to Derby House in Castletown after operating for 18 months at St Johns Mill. The Mill has shared a unique supportive partnership with the Centre that has helped us to become quickly established on the Island. It is this very success that has necessitated our move. The work of both the organisations has greatly increased and unfortunately there is no room for further expansion at the Mill. It's a sad parting ...I feel a bit like an adolescent ready to leave home, excited to be moving to a new premises but suddenly aware that we are letting go of the hand that has held us through our first tottering steps! We will obviously continue to use the Mill for public meetings, functions and events but have relocated the office and Resource Centre to Castletown. Bob Jeavons, Director for St. Johns Mill says:

'The team at St John's Mill have been delighted to have played a small part in establishing the O.W.C. on the Island. We wish them continued success and hope that we can continue to partner them with their initiatives in sustainable development, overseas aid, education and social justice.'

The use of the new premises, situated on the ground floor of Derby House, have been offered to us by the Manx Co-operative society. Peter Whittaker Operations Manager for the Manx Co-op says "We are pleased to welcome the One World Centre to our premises in Castletown, and look forward to working with the team in the future. We hope we will be able to help maintain the tremendous work already achieved by the organisations involved and ensure the centre continues to flourish".

Our new home is a beautiful room overlooking the castle. We're really grateful to the Manx Co-op for offering us this venue, it will make a wonderful centre, where teachers and anyone interested in development issues will be able to come and use our resources in comfort.....we look forward to welcoming you there! The refurbishing of the Centre has been supported by Qualtroughs of Castletown, the Department of Education, and the work of many of our enthusiastic volunteers

**The One World Centre will now be open from 1-5pm Monday - Friday
10am. - 12.30 pm on Saturdays.**

Our new address is: Derby House, Castle Street, Castletown. IM9 1LA.

Want to be more involved? We have a meeting for people interested in helping us with different aspects of our work on Saturday 4th March at the OWC in Castletown at 10.00 am. If you're not sure if you've anything to offer please come along anyway and find out!...the tasks are as varied as the people involved!

Letter from the Administrator

For those of you who I've not already contacted in the last month, I'm Katie, the new administrator! Monday January 3rd 2006 was not just the first working day after the Christmas period, but also my first day working for the One World Centre.

Thanks to the amazing achievements of 2005, the One World centre has grown and diversified to the point where it has become very clear that more hands are needed to keep up with Cheryl's ideas - and that is where I come in.

My first month has flown by, I've really enjoyed getting stuck into the job and learning more about what my role will be.

The impending move to Castletown provided a useful deadline for several tasks, including the usual logistical ones of phone lines and networks. Thanks to the help of some of our volunteers the referencing of the resources was completed just in time for them to be re-shelved in their new home! I'll be in the centre every afternoon from 1 to 5pm ready and willing to help you with any enquiries regarding resources, events or campaigns. Please do get in touch, I'd love to hear from you! Katie

Sustainable agriculture in the Tropics

Prof Michael Fullen -

Thank you to our member, Prof Michael Fullen who visited the Island from Wolverhampton University to talk about two EU funded projects studying soil erosion in the tropics. Prof Fullen has years of experience researching soil erosion and desertification, and his talk provided an interesting insight into the work he has been doing. He was able to show us some positive results from the Shasea project based mainly in China. The 'BORASSUS' project started on 1 July last year and involves the use of palm leaves to construct mats to protect soil from erosion. Partners in the developing world include China, Thailand, Vietnam, The Gambia, South Africa and Brazil

The talk attracted a well informed audience and ended with a lively debate!

If you couldn't make the talk Prof Fullen has kindly left some literature and his powerpoint presentation which are available from our resource centre.

****** Budget increase !!... ******

The Islands' budget this week saw an increase in Overseas Aid by 40%, raising it to £1.4 million! The increase is well above inflation and in the current financial climate a positive gesture of good will but ...to reach the agreed UN target of 0.7% by 2013 we do need to maintain an annual increase of £1 million ... , I wonder at what point we will be able to make good this years shortfall?

Carminia Garcia from Bolivia.

Thursday 9th March at 7.30 at St. Johns Mill.

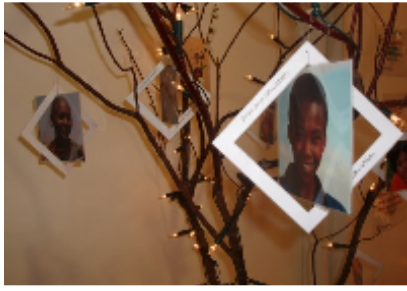
Carminia Garcia from Bolivia is visiting the Island on March 9th & 10th. to speak about her work as the Director of CIPCA, (translated : the research and training of peasants). She will be visiting local secondary schools as well as giving a public lecture at St. Johns Mill. CIPCA is an agricultural project that aims to increase and support methods of sustainable agricultural production amongst Mojo's indigenous people, addressing the need for environmental protection and long term sustainability. The native people of the Mojo region are one of the poorest in Bolivia. Examples of CIPCA's sustainable farming practices include the introduction of a new variety of sheep that can be sustained with local grass, and the cultivation of cocoa.

This is a unique opportunity to discover more about life in Bolivia and how a local non governmental organisation aims to empower the local population through supporting indigenous peoples' rights, most notably through their access to land. Her talk is part of the winter lecture programme organised by the One World Centre. The lecture is free and open to anyone interested in development issues. Please just come along or, if you would like more details, ring us on 825464, or email katie@wciom.org.

“Drops in an Ocean”

Presentation and slide show by Cheryl Cousins. 7.30pm.Thursday 6th April. St. Johns Mill

This talk will be the last in the winter series. Cheryl & Brian have spent over seven months working in Kenya over a period of two years. Their deep love for the people and country is seen through stunning images and photography. Drops in the Ocean reflects upon the impact of tourism on the coastal regions of Eastern Kenya and the resulting sociological changes and impact upon a fragile eco system. The presentation looks at the work of non governmental organisations and community based organisations in their search for balance between environmental protection and long term sustainability, and the immediate demands of an increasing and changing population.



A Christmas tree with a different message

The Manx Co-op and the One World Centre, working in partnership, won runner up in the travellers choice award in the 2005 Save the Children festival of trees competition! Entitled 'Hope' we depicted a symbolic branch, bursting into blossom hung with images of people from around the world. We wanted to share the dream of millions of people in this world for 'an end to exploitation', 'progress without pollution', 'equal opportunities', ... a world without poverty, inequality or injustice. 14 local companies entered trees in this years competition staged at Ronaldsway airport. Around 800 votes were cast by visitors to the airport in December. The event raised over £8000 for Save the Children the response indicated to us how many people really do support us in our aim to raise awareness for justice in our world!

IOM Global Schools

Between the high media profile, campaigning and events, the daily outreach and education goes on! The resource centre is increasingly being used; schools are borrowing posters and displays for exhibitions making use of artefacts, assemblies and workshops. We are coordinating visitors to speak in schools, those with experience in the developing world as well as overseas nationals living on the Island We have now established a network of "global teachers" in almost all schools and through teacher training sessions are working to consider how Development Education and the Global Dimension can be more fully incorporated into the very ethos of the school! We are helping to coordinate the Eco Day at Ramsey Grammar this July, and running a Charity Challenge pilot project at St, Ninians as well as working on developing a Global Schools Award and Global Gang Clubs for schools... watch this space!!

Why tell you all this? As our work extends we would value any input that volunteers can give us, in researching material, helping with IT, putting together displays, even helping with school visits?!! If you are interested please contact us, or come along to the volunteers meeting on Saturday 4th March at 10am at the Centre!



The Climate Chain Challenge

The Island once again responded to world events when Douglas joined with cities around the world in the Global Day of Action against Climate Change! No street parades, marches or demonstrations for us, we started a one week paper chain challenge! Armed with coloured pre printed pledges to reduce carbon emissions we took to the streets to talk to unwitting shoppers asking them to make a personal commitment to 1) reduce their electricity usage, 2) turn down their central heating, 3. use their cars less.! Despite the pre- Christmas frenzy in just one week over 2700 Manx people signed pledges to make personal reductions in their carbon emissions! The paper chain was presented to John Rimmington MHK as a demonstration of support for measures taken by Tynwald to reduce the Islands Carbon emissions. Global Climate change will affect us all but will have greatest impact upon the poor and the vulnerable in our world.

Fair trade fortnight 6th _19th March. *Make it your habit !!*

To mark Fairtrade Fortnight the Isle of Man Fairtrade Initiative is organising an **all day tasting session in Strand Street at the Ministry of Suits (opposite KFC) on the 10th March from 10.am onwards** Along with free tasting of tea and coffee, chocolate and biscuits there will also be a wide range of Fairtrade products available. If you haven't yet got into the Fairtrade habit this is your opportunity to make life style changes that will help people to work their way out of poverty across the planet!

The IOM Fairtrade initiative is still working towards gaining **Fairtrade Island status** and the fortnight provides a perfect opportunity to once again increase awareness. If you would like to be involved and are thinking of organising an event in your community for friends neighbours or colleagues we have information and resources that may be useful ...but if you already have something planned let us know! We'd also like to hear from anyone who has effectively transformed their place of work/ play/worship/ to Fairtrade status. This is "**Armchair Action**". You drink tea; you make a difference in the world!

Haitian Words of Wisdom : " People who share with others are seldom hungry. "

Could this be a Challenge for the IOM?

Sweden is to take the biggest energy step of any advanced western economy by trying to wean itself off oil completely within 15 years - without building a new generation of nuclear power stations. The attempt by a country of 9 million people to become the world's first practically oil-free economy is being planned by a committee of industrialists, academics, farmers, carmakers, civil servants and others, who will report to parliament in several months' time. The aim, the Swedish government said last week, is to replace all fossil fuels with renewables before climate change destroys economies and growing oil scarcity leads to huge price rises. "Our dependency on oil should be broken by 2020," said Mona Sahlin, minister of sustainable development. "There shall always be better alternatives to oil, which means no house should need oil for heating, and no driver should need to turn solely to gasoline." According to the energy committee of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, there is growing concern that global oil supplies are peaking and will soon dwindle, and that a global economic recession could result from high oil prices.

A government official said: "We want to be both mentally and technically prepared for a world without oil. The plan is a response to global climate change, rising petroleum prices and warnings by some experts that the world may soon be running out of oil."

Sweden now gets almost all its electricity from nuclear and hydroelectric power, and relies on fossil fuels mainly for transport. Almost all its heating has been converted in the past decade to schemes that distribute steam or hot water generated by geothermal energy or waste heat.

In 2003 26% of all Sweden's energy consumed came from renewable sources; the EU average is 6%. Only 32% came from oil, down from 77% in 1970. The government is working with carmakers Saab and Volvo to develop cars and lorries that burn ethanol and other biofuels.

John Vidal. Guardian Weekly.

One World

*A new world is forming
The new day is here
A globe with no nations
We can go anywhere*

*A world without borders
Free movement around
As brotherhood flourishes
A peace so profound*

*Imagine this being
As John Lennon said,
"Where everyone loves
And the old order dead"*

*All cultures respected
All creeds understood
At last there is harmony
We're out of the woods*

*No borders or boundaries
At last we are free
We're all global citizens,
That's you and that's me*

*One world we are now,
And such joyful living,
Much sharing and caring
And generous giving.*

*Poverty now history
This wonderful new order,
A global environment
Without any borders*

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Leading articles. Manx Links

We are running a series of articles in the Church Leader this year that give an insight into a day in the life of a person living in the developing world. Their stories have been told to me by Manx residents who have lived and worked alongside them. If you know of someone you would like to see featured in this series, please do contact me and we can share stories!

Armchair Action Points :

The ethos of the One World Centre has always been to develop awareness of global issues ... "*and to encourage a response*". So many people feel helpless in the fight against poverty, injustice and inequality that we plan to highlight "armchair action points".

Additional information on any of these issues is available at the centre, we can post it to you, email it, or recommend web sites... the armchair action is usually adding your voice to others by letter writing. It is estimated that for every letter received politicians view it as representing the opinion of 100 people! You *can* make a difference!

Armchair Action: The right to food? Terminator Technology

Terminator technology is the genetic modification of plants to make them produce sterile seeds. It is being developed by multi national agribusiness companies to prevent farmers from saving seeds to replant from one harvest to the next. If farmers have no choice but to buy new seeds each year, the companies are guaranteed profit, whilst the technology will threaten global food security (peoples ability to grow, or to have access to food to eat.) this could destroy traditional farming methods in much of the world, hitting the most poor and vulnerable. If you would like to do something about it please contact us for more information, or visit : www.banterminator.org
Progressio's environmental website: www.eco-matters.org

Armchair Action:

Climate Change predictions

Scientists at Oxford University have joined up with the BBC to research the likely effects of global climate change. By downloading a programme from the BBC website the spare processing power of your computer is made available to the scientists. The programme will run calculations that will hopefully produce a much clearer picture of the consequences of Co2 emissions and will show the real effects on humanity across the globe. For more information on how you can help see: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/sn/hottopics/climatechange/>