



Annual Report 2015-16

General Information

Mission Statement:

The One World Centre raises awareness on the Isle of Man of global issues of poverty, injustice and the environment – encouraging and enabling a positive response.

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Clare Manser

Phil Matthews

Joseph Miranda (From January 2016)

Judy Needham (to January 2016)

Minutes Secretary: Rosie Laird Scott

Company Secretary: Cat Turner

Workforce

Director: Rosemary Clarke

Fundraiser: Wendy Shimmin

One World Charity Challenge Project Officer:

Helen Kneale

Volunteers

During the course of the year many different people have helped with our activities, including the street collections for Refugees. Since January 2016, Claudia Nascimento has been in the office frequently, helping with the 0.7% Campaign as well as assisting Christian Aid and TME charities.

Key Funders & Supporters 2015-16

AFD Software

Capital International

Fairtrade Foundation

Gough Ritchie Trust

H&S Davidson Trust

International Development Committee (Isle of Man Government)

Manx Co-op

Sure

Twilight

Tynwald Day Committee

Zurich

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Chair's Introduction

Throughout the West, the past year has seen a further sharpening of suspicion, hostility and fear towards the foreigner, whether abroad or in our midst. Despite a Manx tradition of a warm and hospitable welcome, we would be naïve to believe our Island is immune to a rise in both xenophobia and Islamophobia. I believe this means the role of the One World Centre is more crucial than ever. Everything we do is geared to raise awareness of, and empathy with, other cultures – and to encourage IoM residents, especially children, to engage with global issues.

This is evident in the many activities carried out and described in this report of our twelfth year. Rosemary's day-to-day work in schools, as well as flagship events such as the Global Village and Charity Challenge, bear witness to such engagement. We are also campaigning to persuade Tynwald to keep its ignored commitment to raise our shamefully low overseas aid budget, and ask you to mention this to election candidates. We have pressed the Manx authorities to admit our fair share of Syrian refugees – so far in vain.

Heartfelt thanks are due to the unstinting dedication and professionalism of our staff Rosemary (Director), Wendy (Promotion) and Helen (Charity Challenge). As always I am hugely grateful to my colleagues on our management committee, and all who support our endeavours - members, volunteers and donors. A special thank you to Claire Bader who, after many years of support, steps down from our committee due to her heavy involvement in the work of Save the Children tackling the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean. We also appreciate the longevity of Jude Needham's stint on the committee; she stepped down in January this year.

In a year which witnessed the passing of the Equality Act on the Island, let's remember that demands for fairness and justice do not stop at our coastline.

Phil Craine

General Introduction

It's been another busy year with our regular programme of work with schools and the community. We are always looking out for new ways of engaging with people and encouraging active global citizenship. The 0.7% Campaign is challenging us to ask our MHKs to support an increase in the budget for the International Development Committee, and is celebrating how this aid money has been used over the last few years.

Work with Schools

One World Charity Challenge

This was the ninth year of the competition and we welcomed Ramsey Grammar School's participation for the first time for a long while. King Williams broke the record with 8 different groups.

The competition enables groups of 4-6 students to choose a small charity that is working internationally, to make an interactive presentation about its work and to raise funds for it. Funded by the Hugh and Sandra Davidson Trust, the competition provides a prize pool that in recent



years has been matched by the International Development Committee. This means that every group “earns” money for their charity, and this year’s winning team won £4,000 for Excellent Development. In addition they won the audience vote and managed to fundraise £600 themselves, the most that any team raised. These two achievements earned a further £500 in prizes for Excellent Development.

Primary Fairtrade Conference

Now in its fourth year the Primary Fairtrade Conference has become a key annual event at the Legislative Buildings in Douglas. Once again we welcomed delegates from 17 primary schools, and were delighted that Robin Stewart, a member of the Manx Co-operative Board, was able to be our key note speaker.



The varied programme included a circus of workshops, a rich man/poor man snack and an opportunity to plan activities for Fairtrade Fortnight. One highlight is the opportunity to hold a debate in the chamber used by our MHKs as they make decisions about the Island’s future. The event was kindly sponsored by the Manx Co-operative Society.

Primary Film Competition

Many groups of students rose to the challenge to produce a film of not more than 4 minutes on the theme: “It’s Not Fair!”, interpreted in a global context. Each school was invited to submit one film and awards were given for different aspects of film making. The standard was high and a Year 3 Group from Arbory won the overall prize for their delightful film about Fairtrade Tea. Thanks to Sure for sponsoring this opportunity for young people to engage with development issues. The results can be viewed at: <http://www.oneworldcentreiom.org/2016/05/18/arbory-school-wins-primary-short-film-competition/>.



Poetry Slam

This competition has been growing slowly over the past 4 years. The framework was developed with Castle Rushen High School who have now incorporated the scheme into their Year 7 curriculum. Following a two-way competition last year between QE2 and Castle Rushen, this year Ballakermeen, St Ninians, and QE2 joined in the competition. To the disappointment of all, Castle Rushen were unable to prepare their groups in time and held their own competition the following week. We are looking at ways to find a suitable date that will enable all the secondary schools to take part next year.

Groups of Year 7 pupils in each school composed and performed poems about one of the following themes:

- Child Soldiers
- Girls' education
- Refugees
- Water and sanitation

The top groups in each school took part in the final. It was very difficult to choose a winner as the content and performances were excellent, some of them particularly emotional. In the end a poem about child soldiers called "They Will Not Listen!" by Lucy Barks, Frankie Cullen, Anna Harris and Emily Sweetman took the trophy. This group will perform their poem at the One World Centre's AGM on 9th September and at Manx Litfest's Poetry Slam on Tuesday 27th September.



Work Experience

Following last year's successful work experience for students from St Ninians, two Year 10 students joined us for a week in the second half of the spring term 2016. TME's Technical Manager, Tom Clarke, trained Sarina, Alex, Claudia (our volunteer) and Marie in authoring interactive educational DVDs in a variety of local languages. Sarina and Claudia have continued to work on the DVDs, Sarina for her Duke of Edinburgh Award. Sarina and Alex were also able to learn about the wider work of the One World Centre, taking part in some of the Fairtrade Fortnight activities.



Daisy Moorcroft from Ballakermeen spent a week in September and inspired us with her abilities.

Harriet Godby has been working with us since June, supporting the 0.7% Campaign and being active at the Global Village.

School Visits

- Manx Connections – RGS 3 sessions
- Kenya + Water – Dhoon
- Water + Poverty – Jubilee
- Water Workshop – St Johns
- Cross-curriculum work – St Ninians
- Enterprise day – Castle Rushen

General Activities

Fairtrade

The Director of the One World Centre chairs the Fairtrade Group. We were delighted that our Fairtrade Island Status was renewed in May. Our application had been delayed as we were so busy doing Fairtrade that we struggled to find the time to complete our application; our future plans became part of our report, giving us the need to plan further ahead.

Part of the status involves commitment from the Government. Phil Gawne (MHK and Chair of the International Development Committee) audited the different government departments and it was clear that there was a need to revisit Fairtrade. Presentations were given to both Tynwald and the Municipal Association so that local government could be approached for the first time. These presentations were well received and raised the profile of Fairtrade.



Fairtrade Fortnight followed about six weeks after the Primary Conference. Bunscoill Rhumsaa provided 5 “Thoughts for the Day” for Manx Radio. Other schools baked cakes, raised money for the Fairtrade Foundation and registered as Fair Aware Schools. The One World Centre provided assemblies, a week’s worth of Thought for the Day for Manx Radio and general support. International Women’s Day fell in Fairtrade Fortnight and the Chamber of Commerce held a lunch to mark it. We were able to provide Fairtrade “Coffee Grown by Women” for the meal.

The Hospital worked with MannVend to produce their own brand of Fairtrade coffee which is served in the café at the hospital and at other outlets run by the catering team. This new brand was launched in Fairtrade Fortnight.

Global Village

Now in its fifth year, and the third in the Arboretum, the Global Village is an established part of the national festivities on Tynwald Day. We were delighted to be able to use the Castletown stage which proved a real focus for the entertainment. We poached the Fairly Famous Family from the main stage to supplement a display of martial arts (Taekwondo and Karate), Indian and Bulgarian dancing and a Filipino harpist. The Manx Bard and fellow members of the Poetry Society also took to the stage.

We rejoiced in good weather and it was great to welcome various environmental groups for the first time. The Community Farm brought a series of African instruments which proved a great attraction to children. There were queues at the food stalls provided by Filipinos, Africans and Afro-Caribbeans.



One World Week

This year we worked again with CAIM (Churches Alive in Man) and their World Development Committee, choosing to focus on refugees. The situation had proved very challenging and local people had set up collection points for clothing and other useful goods. Although there was no formal DEC appeal, the One World Centre worked with the International Development Committee to run street collections, raising more than £6,000. Several schools took up the offer of a free assembly and there was an opportunity to take a church service.



Last year's work raising awareness about the lack of sanitation for 2.4 billion people continued to have an impact with more toilets being twinned. We were approached by Toilet Twinning with an offer of Toilet Twinned Island Status and found that we had satisfied the criteria of individual, community groups, work places and politicians. To celebrate we held our own alternative TT: a Toilet Twinning Tour of 27 of the toilets that had been twinned, in a car with a toilet mounted on the roof. The Director of Toilet Twinning said it was

the highlight of her year, and we rounded off the celebrations with tea at Tynwald. David Anderson MLC and Ray Harmer MHK hosted the event which saw many of those who had twinned their toilet enjoying a specially commissioned cake featuring a decorative toilet!

0.7% Campaign

The Manx Government had promised to give 0.7% of Gross Government Income as International Aid by 2015. The year ended with no progress on this issue, so Louise Whitelegg, one of our committee members, spearheaded a campaign. This began with a presentation to Tynwald, explaining the background, informing them of the campaign and challenging them to keep their promise. A letter, signed by 22 organisations, was published in the local paper and this was followed by a post card campaign. This included running a stall in the Strand Centre one Friday in May. We are currently working on A1 posters showing how Manx aid has made a difference around the world.

Parish Walk

This year Angie Astley and Rosemary Clarke walked to Peel, raising over £1000 for the One World Centre between them.

Promotional Films

We have been working with both Chris Prescott who is developing a film about the Charity Challenge and a group of students from the Isle of Man College who are producing a promotional film about our work.



Christmas Tree

Once again we took part in the Festival of Trees organised at the airport each year by Save the Children. This year's tree was prepared for us by St Thomas School, using Fairtrade as the theme, and it was awarded Highly Commended.

Global Tree Trail

This has continued to be popular, and a reprint was necessary. Amendments have been made as two of the trees have died. We appreciate the support of DEFA in updating the information and contributing to the cost of the new leaflets.

Wiki

Work is now progressing to add more content to the site and we hope for an official launch before the end of 2016.



Karson's Family Foundation

The Karson's Family Foundation provided the opportunity for one Manx young person (18-24) to take part in an expedition that would benefit children in the developing world and asked the OWC to help publicise this and take part in the selection process. Emily Stephens from Ramsey Grammar School was selected and spent four weeks in Malawi during summer 2016. It is hoped that this opportunity can be repeated over the next few years.

India Badge

The India Girl Guiding Badge has got off to a slow start, but two Manx groups (Onchan Rainbows and Douglas Guides) asked for input and several other groups have purchased badges.

Biosphere project

We were pleased to learn that this project, which we had supported, was granted approval by UNESCO, the first jurisdiction to be given this status.

Visitors

The One World Centre has facilitated visits for a number of people this year:

- Barbara Praesoody from Sri Lanka was exploring the possibility of linking her diocese with that of Sodor and Man. She was able to visit 7 primary schools. Unfortunately the lack of funding and the imminent retirement of Bishop Robert means this opportunity is unlikely to bear further fruit.
- Robin Stewart of the Co-op – key note speaker for FT Conference
- Nick Calland from the Leprosy Mission

Supporting Charities

During the course of the year, the One World Centre seeks to help Manx registered charities that work overseas. Examples include:

- The opportunity to participate in the One World Charity Challenge brings the work of the different charities to schools, parents and the audience at the final. Charities benefit from the prize fund.
- The Global Village provides another opportunity for charities to showcase their work in front of a wide audience at the Manx National Day celebrations.

- Thare Machi Education produces educational interactive DVDs in local languages to provide simple but life-saving information to those who have had little opportunity for education. Each new DVD in a new language needs to be authored using professional software. OWC works with students at QE2 and St Ninians to do this work and some 30 DVDs have been produced on the Island this year.
- Ad hoc advice is given as appropriate. This year it included talking through the planning of a large charity event and what kind of funding to request from the IDC.
- It was good to be invited to the formal launch of Excellent Development as a Manx registered charity in November.
- Amnesty International meets regularly in our office.
- Many schools and churches collect stamps for the Leprosy Mission, and we facilitate visits to schools when the regional representative visits each spring.
- We have met with the Leprosy Mission, Plan UK and Excellent Development as they review their work on the Island, and have been in contact with UNICEF and Send a Cow.

DEC Appeals

For the first time in a long while, there has been no DEC emergency appeal during the academic year 2015-16. However, a street collection for refugees was held in September. This was in conjunction with the International Development Committee as there was no formal DEC appeal. Just over £6,000 was raised and this was split equally between the five members of the DEC that are registered on the Island and involved in working with the refugees: CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Red Cross and Save the Children.



FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2016
Statement of Income and Expenditure

INCOME	2015-16	2014-15
	£	£
Grants and Donations		
IOM Government IDC	29,800	25,200
Davidson Trust (Charity Challenge Admin)	9,000	10,117
AFD Software	1,000	2,000
Sure Ltd (Film Comp)	1,000	1,500
Tynwald Comm (Global Village)	350	350
Coop	2,000	2,000
Gough Ritchie Trust	2,500	
Lottery (Wiki)		770
Donations - other	773	1,239
	46,423	43,176
Membership Fees	1,375	1,355
Bank Interest	39	184
Shop Income	51	1,985
Fees from Schools and Events	318	2,327
Other	41	5
Total Income	48,247	49,032
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs - salary, training, expenses	42,216	41,557
Events	2,120	7,521
Equipment (note 3)	172	
Educational resources (books etc)		118
Postage and stationary	463	120
Rent and premises hire	2,453	2,465
Networking and campaigning	413	
Insurance	589	589
Telephone and communications	1,377	1,155
Shop expenditure		495
Miscellaneous	259	119
Total Expenditure	50,062	54,139
Surplus / (Deficit for year)	(1,815)	(5,107)

Balance Sheet

	31 March 2016 £	31 March 2015 £
Cash at Bank - Coop	57,262	47,411
Add accrued income		2,000
Less Charity Challenge Prize Money carried forward	(11,000)	(1,760)
Less accrued expenditure	(2,879)	(2,453)
	43,383	45,198
Surplus at start of year brought forward	45,198	50,305
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(1,815)	(5,107)
Surplus at end of year carried forward	43,383	45,198

NOTES

- 1 The One World Centre is registered in the Isle of Man as both a charity (No. 1192) and as a company limited by guarantee (No. 128537C)
- 2 The accounts are prepared on an accruals basis
- 3 Capital equipment is written off in the year of purchase and is expressed net of equipment sold

These accounts were approved by the Management Committee on 7 June 2016 and audited by Roger Harper on 19 August 2016.