



# Annual Report 2022-23

## General Information

### Mission Statement:

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

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### Committee Members

Chair: Phil Craine  
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Sarah Comish  
Helen Kneale  
Charlotte Looker  
Phil Matthews  
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Louise Whitelegg

**Company Secretary:** Helen Kneale

### Workforce

Coordinator: Wendy Shimmin  
One World Charity Challenge Project Officer:  
Helen Kneale

### Volunteers

During the course of the year many different people have helped us with our activities and sharing information. Thanks to you all.

### Key Funders & Supporters 2022-23

AFD Software Ltd  
Gary & Susan Clueit & The Clueit Foundation  
Hugh & Sandra Davidson  
Elizabeth Clucas Trust

### Other supporters 2022-23

Department of Education, Sport and Culture

Thank you also to our members and supporters for the many individual donations we received during the year.

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## Chair's Introduction

The past year has been a story of belt-tightening but survival for the One World Centre. But there is no time to stop as we adjust our sails to face the opportunities ahead.

It is clear that migration is now a critical issue on the global agenda. This is fuelled at root by gross inequalities in living standards and unresolved conflicts. Immigration will only rise in the coming decades, and the Island will not be exempt from the challenges and benefits this will bring. An exciting development has been our launch, in partnership with Cafe Lingo, of the Welcome Project, funded by the Manx Lottery Trust. This aims to offer a warm handshake to those arriving on our shores, helping to teach language skills as well as wider integration into the community.

In 1948 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed by almost every nation, setting out, for the first time, fundamental rights to be protected. Now, 75 years later, we see such rights under threat by a growing authoritarianism across the globe, and we intend to play our part in defending them. One example is to develop our work publicising 'modern slavery', believing that such abuses (often against the vulnerable and/or migrants) may well be happening on the Island, often hidden in plain sight.

Over the years we have appreciated essential financial support from IoM Government, but since their last grant ended at the end of September 2022, we have survived by cutting back on spending (including this year's Global Village), utilising most of our reserves, and appreciating grants from the Elizabeth Clucas Trust and Mr & Mrs Davidson. We are delighted to have recently secured fresh support from Government for the coming year, but our finances remain fragile and, as ever, we would love to broaden our income sources, ideally for a multi-year period.

Once again we held a successful Charity Challenge which matches sixth-form students with international charities. Thanks are due to Gary & Susan Clueit for their sponsorship last year, including a prize fund for the charities of £11,000. This year we are needing to raise a meaningful sum – contributions will be welcome!

Such flagship events should not obscure our bread-and-butter work carried out, often in schools, raising awareness on the island of wider-world issues and encouraging a response – the common thread in all we do.

None of this would be possible without our dedicated Coordinator Wendy Shimmin who professionally holds everything together, to whom fulsome thanks are due, along with Helen Kneale and Charlotte Dutton for their strong commitment to the Charity Challenge and Welcome projects respectively. Appreciation is also recorded to donors large and small, our members, volunteers and supporters, and not least, to my colleagues on our management committee for steering the ship as our governing body.

Those of you at last year's AGM will recall that Claire Bader was appointed Deputy Chair, with a view to stepping up to Chair following this AGM. Claire has been a devoted member of our team for many years, bringing with her vast overseas experience. Over this past year she has been a superb deputy, and I have no hesitation in commending her to you as our new Chair.

Phil Craine, September 2023

### **Coordinator's Note**

This past year has been one of trying to do as much as possible with as little as possible! The Isle of Man Government's International Development Education Awareness and Strategy grant – which has been crucial to funding many of our activities in recent years – ran out in September 2022 and, following a review by Government, a new grant was not made available for application until May 2023. We have just recently been confirmed as recipients of the 2023-24 IDEAR grant, which is extremely welcome and will fund a number of projects, but we continue to seek financial help from elsewhere.

In a high inflation period and cost of living crisis, we know we are not alone in struggling with income. Most difficult for us to find is funding for our running costs – although we only have a small office/resource centre, one phone and one laptop, our expenses just to run the One World Centre without any wages come to around £500 a month, or £6,000 a year. Membership fees help and individual donations cover around a third of this but there is still a significant annual shortfall that continues to be troublesome.

Any fundraising ideas that members and supporters may have that could help us will be warmly welcomed!

Wendy Shimmin

### **2022-2023 Review**

#### **Work with Schools**

#### **One World Charity Challenge**

One World Charity Challenge is one of our flagship annual projects. It challenges teams of Year 12 students to choose, research and advocate for a charity that is working in the field of international development and to deliver a 10-12 minute multi-media presentation reflecting on the work of their chosen charity, how it makes a positive difference to young people in other parts of the world and how it meets the UN Sustainable Goals to help ensure a fairer world for everyone.



The 2022-23 edition of One World Charity Challenge was enabled by the generous sponsorship of Gary and Susan Clueit and The Clueit Foundation. Gary and Susan are dedicated to supporting African-facing charities so this year's event had a strong African theme and saw the introduction of a number of new charities to the programme.



All six secondary schools on the Island participated in the early stages with five teams going through to the grand finals which were held, once again, at Babbage's, Mountain View Innovation Centre, courtesy of AFD Software Ltd. This year's winners were a team from Ballakermeen High School, supporting Advantage Africa, who won £4,000 for the charity. Second place was a team from St Ninian's High School, representing Tree Aid. They also won the AFD Award for Advocacy so won £3,000 for their nominated charity.

A team from King Williams College, representing Gumboots UK, an education charity working with young people in South Africa, were placed third winning £1,000, with Castle Rushen High School representing Hospice Africa and Queen Elizabeth II High School representing International Refugee Trust winning £700 and £500 respectively. Charities represented by teams who did not get through to the finals were each awarded a £150 donation.

### School Model COP Climate Change Conferences

Following the successful introduction of the InterClimate Network's model COP conferences in 2021-22, we again offered them out to secondary schools in 2022-23. These allow small teams of students to represent the interests of different countries in a COP-style conference, giving them insights into how climate change is impacting people differently around the world and the difficulties of trying to come to agreement on action at a global level.



At the end of the sessions, students were encouraged to write a postcard message to their school or the Government about what action they would like to see around climate change.

### Fairtrade in Schools



Due to our funding issues and limited resources, we did not run a Fairtrade Conference ahead of Fairtrade Fortnight as usual. However, we did offer out Fairtrade activities for schools to do and the Coordinator gave a number of assemblies and workshops on Fairtrade topics. We continue to encourage schools to attain Fairtrade accreditation.

In addition to some ad hoc assemblies to schools, the Coordinator worked with DESC on delivering a session on global learning at a Eco-Schools training day. DESC also kindly funded two Discovery Boxes – one on Ghana and one on Bangladesh – which can be loaned out free to schools and youth groups.

## Other key projects

### Modern slavery

We were delighted to host Robin Brierley, a UK consultant on modern slavery and human trafficking on a visit to the Island to speak to the general public and also give a presentation to Tynwald members in early November 2022. We were very pleased at the turnout for the public talk which brought together a diverse audience of around 60 people including Government workers, businesses, third sector organisations and other groups.



It was clear that there was both concern about vulnerability among our community and also a desire to work together to take action on it. Attendees were later emailed a list of useful resources on the subject.

At the Tynwald presentation, Robin gave members an assessment of the UK Modern Slavery Act and the key elements with it and discussed the need for a multi-agency approach to it. We also arranged a meeting with the Isle of Man Constabulary and recorded an interview with Manx Radio.

### The Welcome Project

A significant new project was started this year in collaboration with Café Lingo, the English Language support group at the Promenade Methodist Church.

Together we bid for a Manx Lottery Grant to fund an 18-month project to help newcomers to the Isle of Man to settle on arrival, improve their English language skills, understand Manx culture and customs, and to integrate into Manx society. The bid was successful and in January we appointed Charlotte Dutton as part-time project officer.



As well as supporting Café Lingo's English language activities, Charlotte has been exploring the issues that newcomers face on arriving in the Isle of Man and is working with different community groups to see what can be done to improve people's experience when they first come to the Island.



## SDG Art Competition 2023

'Food for All' was the theme for this year's art competition which was based on SDG2: Zero Hunger and encouraged artists to explore topics such as hunger, food waste, food security and positive action we could take to make food fairer for everyone.

We were fortunate to have the support of Shoprite who offered to donate £1 for every entry (up to 200) to the Isle of Man Foodbank which

meant that, just by taking part, artists

were already taking a positive step to help others.

Shoprite also provided £100 in vouchers as a prize for the adult winner. We had over 250 entries in total, with great uptake from some schools. Our judges – Jo Davies from IoM Arts Council and Chido Maunze from the One World Centre – had a difficult job picking winners and the successful artists received their

prizes from DEFA Minister Clare Barber at a pop-up display staged at the Villa Marina alongside the Isle of Man Food & Drink Festival.



## General Activities

### Douglas Fun Day

Regrettably, with the Global Village event being a casualty of our funding issues, we did not have the opportunity to engage with the public on Tynwald Day this year. However, we were able to take advantage of a spot at the Douglas Fun Day where we challenged visitors to guess where 10 different items of food we had bought in Douglas originally came from.

This allowed us to talk about food miles, food security, food waste and Fairtrade. It was a tricky quiz but over 100 people stuck with it and filled out the answer sheet. We also had lots of people stopping to look at the huge world map which allowed us to start other conversations about global issues.



### Fairtrade Fortnight

In addition to school assemblies, and in conjunction with the IoM fairtrade Group, we ran a stand in Marks & Spencer highlighting Fairtrade and M&S's Fairtrade products. M&S kindly donated some

Fairtrade items to a free prize draw and we received around 200 entries which represented 200 chances to have a conversation about Fairtrade. Generally, there was a good level of awareness of what Fairtrade is about and we were able to encourage more shoppers to look for the Fairtrade mark.

## **Charity Support**

As part of the previous International Development Education Awareness Raising and Strategy Grant activity, we conducted a survey of Manx-based charities working overseas for Cabinet Office. This identified issues around funding, succession planning, regulatory requirements and the increasingly burdensome role of the trustee. We also worked with the Cabinet Office and the Financial Services Authority to deliver some Financial Crime Awareness Training to local charity representatives.

## **CoDEC/Global Learning Network**

The One World Centre has been a long-time member of CoDEC the Consortium of Development Education Centres which is a network of other development education centres in the UK.



The Coordinator and one of the Trustees attended the annual conference in June. This is always a useful event as it gives DECs an opportunity to share their work and resources, and encourages collaborative working. It was decided at this year's conference to update the name of the organisation to The Global Learning Network which it was felt more accurately described what we do and avoided negative issues around the word Development. Finances and funding were a major talking point at the conference and the struggle to fund projects was a common theme. Sadly, two more DEC's – Malvern-based Beacon and Global Education Derby – have now closed due to lack of funds.

## **DEC Appeals**

The DEC Appeal for Ukraine is ongoing – although we are no longer actively collecting, over £24,000 has been sent to the appeal to date. We also ran street collections for two other DEC Appeals during the year – the Pakistan Floods in September 2022 and the Turkey/Syria Earthquake in March 2023.

These raised £4,000 and £16,000 respectively, with local people particularly touched by images coming from Turkey and Syria.



It was pleasing to have people from the Pakistani and Turkish communities on the Island helping with the collections. We must also thank Tesco and Shoprite for their support and allowing us to collect at their stores.

DEC Appeals, by their nature, are unforeseeable and we are always looking for additional volunteers to help us with the collections.



## Other points of note

### Biosphere Award

We were extremely pleased to be the recipients of the UN Biosphere Isle of Man Education Award for 2022. This was presented by the Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer and Lady Lorimer at an event held at the Manx Museum. We were also invited to take part in an-hour long programme on Manx Radio with the other winners.

We continue to support Biosphere Isle of Man with the Sustainable Mann programme of workshops and other collaborative activities.



### Social Media

We now have over 1,000 people following the One World Centre Facebook page which means that, with interesting and engaging content, we can enjoy a significant reach among Isle of Man Facebook users as people share posts with friends and family.

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