



Annual Report 2023-24

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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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 2023-24

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Other supporters 2023-24

Department of Education, Sport and Culture
Manx Co-op

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

Key international humanitarian and development issues have continued to evolve this year, presenting both challenges and opportunities for global action.

The ongoing conflicts in regions such as Ukraine, Gaza and the Middle East, and Sudan have exacerbated humanitarian crises, leading to widespread displacement and food insecurity. Climate change remains a pressing concern, with extreme weather events disproportionately affecting vulnerable communities. Health disparities have again been highlighted by outbreaks of diseases like mpox and cholera, exacerbated by ongoing inequalities in vaccine access. In education, millions of children remain out of school due to conflict, poverty, and systemic barriers, undermining future development prospects. Addressing these interconnected challenges requires a coordinated global response, focusing on sustainable development, peacebuilding, and resilience-building efforts to support affected populations and create a more equitable and just world.



Having come through a period of uncertain funding, it has been a relief to have some space to breathe and re-establish a wider range of One World Centre activities. The past few years have tested our adaptability, and I would like to thank the dedication of our coordinator, our committee and our supporters for their commitment that has enabled our work to continue.

Highlights for me this year have been celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, holding the Global Village again at Tynwald Day, and meeting a couple of past participants of Charity Challenge and hearing how this event made a lasting impact on them.

We remain very aware that limited resources, both internationally and on the Isle of Man, will continue to pose significant challenges in the coming years. Globally, funding constraints, economic instability, and the growing impact of climate change are straining efforts to address critical development and humanitarian needs. On the Isle of Man, budget limitations and competing local priorities may affect our ability to sustain our programmes. To navigate these challenges, we will need to focus on our partnerships to maximise the impact of our resources and continue to advocate for the importance of raising international awareness.

One such partner over the years has been the Isle of Man United Nations Association and I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to them for their donation upon the closure of their organisation. Their contribution marks the culmination of many years of promoting international awareness and cooperation on the island. We thank all their members for their invaluable support.

I would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Phil Craine who stepped back at our last AGM into the role of Vice Chair to support me as I settled into the role of Chair. Phil's vision and commitment has been instrumental in guiding the OWC to the organisation it is today, and we are immensely grateful for his invaluable contribution and dedication.

I look forward to you joining us in our various planned activities in the coming year as we continue to inspire, educate and engage for a better future.

Claire Bader, September 2024

Coordinator's Note

It was a pleasure to have the funding to put on a varied programme of events during the 2023-24 year and to reinstate some of the projects that had fallen by the wayside in the previous year. We have tried to reach a wide range of audiences on the Isle of Man and to encourage as many people as possible to look beyond the horizons of our small island home, recognise our connections and interdependencies with others around the world, and take positive action for people and the planet.

2023-2024 Review

Work with Schools

One World Charity Challenge

One of our key annual projects, One World Charity Challenge tasks 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.



This year we were able to use funding from the Isle of Man Government's International Development Education and Awareness Raising grant to fund the educational and organisational aspects of One World Charity Challenge in the absence of an overall sponsor. This was very welcome, especially as we had a record entry of 32 teams in the competition which required a lot of work to manage. Sponsorship of the prize fund (which is paid to the charities represented by the students) was much more difficult and was only achieved by the generosity of some long-time One World Centre supporters, to whom we are exceptionally grateful. We also must thank AFD Software for continuing to fund the Advocacy prize and for all the support they provide with a venue and technical help for the grand finals.



This year's winners were a team from Ballakermeen High School representing the charity Disability Africa. Not only did they give a very lively presentation but they had also created and printed a children's story book to support the charity in helping to remove the stigma around disability. Runners up – and also winners of the £1,000 special advocacy prize for their public awareness raising – were a team from Castle Rushen High School representing Village Africa. Third place was taken by a team from Ramsey Grammar School representing the Leprosy Mission Isle of Man and the



runners up spots were taken by QE2 representing Pump Aid, St Ninian's High School representing Self Help Africa and King William's College representing The Virtual Doctors.

Student feedback from the event was very positive and the great take up from all the schools this year was a great indication of the value of this project to students, schools and the charities concerned.

Fairtrade in Schools



Unusually the Fairtrade Foundation moved Fairtrade Fortnight to take place in September in 2024 rather than the customary February/March. This made it slightly more difficult to engage schools as the Fortnight was due to happen immediately after the summer holidays. We did, however, with the support of the Department of Education and the President of Tynwald, arrange a Fairtrade Primary Conference in early July to which 11 schools sent teams of young students. The students enjoyed a live by video link keynote speech from Elena Fernandez-Lee, Education Campaigning Manager at the Fairtrade Foundation, as well as a carousel of workshops on the day including a debate in the Tynwald Chamber and the ever-popular session on Fairtrade chocolate. All the students planned activities to do in their own schools and we hope some of them will also be inspired to enter for the Fair Aware school award from the Foundation. Thank you to the Manx Co-op for supporting with Fairtrade food and lunch items!



Global Teacher Award



Again with support from the Department of Education, we were able to offer two one-day Global Teacher Award training courses to teachers here on the Isle of Man. These courses are an opportunity for local teachers to learn about the value and relevance of global learning and the skills it helps develop such as critical thinking, critical literacy, cooperation, tolerance and empathy.

The courses are accredited by The Global Learning Network in the UK (an association of global learning/development education centres) and ran in October 2023 and April 2024. They provide teachers with an amazing array of resources to apply global learning to their lessons. I also keep in touch with them after the courses and update them with new ideas and resources that come to my attention.

Mobile Global Library

A new initiative this year for early learners was our Mobile Global Library – a portable book trolley filled with picture story books and resources for global learning for nursery age children. This was mainly funded by our grant from Tesco's Community Grant Scheme.



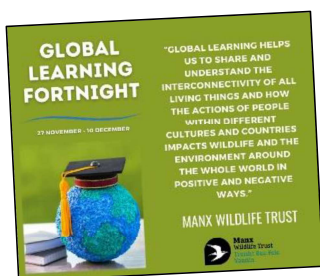
Ad hoc support

In addition to our regular projects, we also support schools with ad hoc support. This year has included sessions at Ballaugh Primary School looking at farming and transport around the world. Our Vice-Chair Phil Craine also delivered a session to older students at Castle Rushen High School on his time as a human rights observer in Israel and Palestine. Teachers are encouraged to borrow our resources to help support them with their own activities in the classroom. We had also offered to facilitate Escape to Safety – an experiential learning project following the paths of three young people who left their homes to see refuge overseas, however there was not much take up on this.

General education and awareness raising

Global Learning Fortnight

This was an idea developed by the One World Centre and taken up by The Global Learning Network, the association of development education centres in England to which the One World Centre also belongs. The objective was to devote a specific fortnight to jointly raising awareness of global learning and sharing ideas and resources to create a louder voice for the inclusion of development education in schools and lifelong learning.



Each global learning centre organised its own activities. For the One World Centre, this included:

- A social media campaign (mostly Facebook and Instagram with some content on Twitter and LinkedIn) of supporting voices for development education from other organisations on the Island. These included other charities such as Manx Wildlife Trust, Culture Vannin and Christian Aid as well as government groups such as Net Zero and Biosphere Isle of Man as well as environmental groups and others such as Café Lingo. Each gave a quote to support global learning and a different one was featured each day over the fortnight.
- Providing all schools (and all attendees of previous Global Teacher Award courses) with a list of activities and resources for the fortnight.
- Donation of five copies of the book *Children Who Changed the World* to local schools.
- Engaging with local libraries to encourage displays on global literature or resources relevant to global learning.
- A free screening of *Fashion Reimagined* at the Kensington Arts Centre. This is a very positive documentary about a young British designer who used her prize money from her Young Designer of the Year Award to create a sustainable fashion collection. The film followed her as she tried to source natural materials and reduce the environmental impact of her clothing.
- The launch of our Sustainable Fashion Competition for Under 25s.



75 years of Human Rights



The 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights took place on 10th December 2023. At the time, we marked the day on social media and we also created two Human Rights themed Christmas trees – one for the Festival of Trees at Isle of Man Airport and one which was displayed at the

Strand Shopping Centre over the 75th anniversary weekend. We also invited both the senior and junior Manx Bards to write a poem for the occasion and published these on our website and on social media.

After Christmas was over, we followed up our work on Human Rights with a photo exhibition at Isle of Man Airport and a public talk.

One Day I Will photographic exhibition



We were delighted that independent French photographer Vincent Tremeau allowed us to put on a display from his One Day I Will photo project which features striking portraits of children in areas of conflict or deprivation, along with short stories about their ambitions for the future. These have previously been featured in an exhibition held at the UN Headquarters in New York and in other notable places around the world. The display ran from February to May and attracted a lot of positive attention for challenging viewers

to consider the hopes and dreams of children who find themselves growing up in difficult circumstances. (NB The exhibition is currently being displayed at Erin Arts Centre until mid-October.)

Human Rights talk

We also held a public talk on human rights as a way of raising awareness of the importance of continuing to defend these rights and the part they play in making the world a better place for everyone. Our three speakers – Ken Corlett, Dawn Kinnish MLC and Andrew Langan-Newton – each covered different aspects of human rights legislation and answered questions from the audience at a very well-attended event at the Manx Museum.



Global Village on Tynwald Day

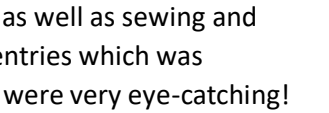


After having to abandon the Global Village in 2023 due to lack of funds, we were delighted to be able to revive this event for 2024 and to be joined by more environmental and sustainability groups as well as our regular charity and cultural partners.

Thankfully, despite a poor weather forecast, the day stayed dry!

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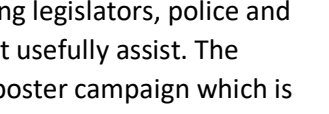
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Collaboration

We continue to collaborate with other like-minded groups and organisations on the Island to share news, initiatives and encourage public participation in development and environmental issues. This past year has included supporting Biosphere IoM's Sustainable Mann workshops and helping to promote NetZero's Gaia installation.



We also contribute to Government and other requests for information about the international development sector on the Isle of Man as well as requests from members of the public.

Unusually there has not been a Disasters Emergency Committee appeal during the 2023-24 year but we continue to be ready to support such appeals as and when they happen.



We were pleased to have our Fairtrade Island status renewed until 2026 and to be awarded all five of the new "badges" introduced by the Fairtrade Foundation for our work on raising awareness of Fairtrade with the Isle of Man Fairtrade Group.

We also continue to work closely with The Global Learning Network and support their recent campaign The Case for Global Learning which calls for a clear direction and strategy for global learning in the UK.

The Welcome Project



This Manx Lottery Trust funded project, which seeks to aid newcomers to the Isle of Man and is run in collaboration with Café Lingo, has been on hold for a significant part of the year due to maternity leave and the later departure of the Project Officer. We expect to appoint a new officer shortly and start a new phase over the next 12 months.

Keep up with all the news!

The One World Centre is on:



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