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What is the YHGSA?

The Yorkshire and Humber Global Schools Association owes its existence to a national initiative of the Department for International Development. With the recent launch of the programme known as 'Enabling Effective Support' (EES) the department is for the first time funding regional activities across the UK to support the global dimension in education. In the Yorkshire and Humber region our response has been to set up the YHGSA. Prior to the establishment of the organisation there was a period of consultation with LEAs, schools, Development Education Centres and many other organisations with an interest in this field. The comments and views of those who attended a series of consultative forums were vital in the planning phase for the new organisation. There are five key strategies for the provision of services in the region: Promotion and Marketing; Curriculum Development; Continuing Professional Development; North South Linking and Resources and Services.

Working in collaboration across the region

The national profile of the YHGSA was given a boost by the visit to the region on March 12th by Hilary Benn, Secretary of State for International Development. Speaking at York St John College, the home of the Centre for Global Education, he focussed on the need to develop a better public understanding of develop-



ment matters and the key role that a strategic regional organisation like the YHGSA can play in this process. He also emphasised the role of teachers in presenting a clear picture of development issues. He spoke of global awareness and our need to recognise our moral, political and social obligations to do something about global poverty. He spoke passionately about the plight of poor people in the developing world, "Millions of people are being left behind. 1.2 billion still lack access to clean water. 113 million children have no classroom, no desk, no textbook, and no teacher because they don't go to school. Millions of children die each year from diseases we know we can prevent. HIV/AIDS is in some countries wiping out all the gains in life expectancy of

the last 40 years."

This was the first encounter by the Secretary of State with one of the EES initiatives and it was followed by his visit to nearby Dunnington Primary School which is working closely with the YHGSA and the Centre for Global Education.

**YHGSA Annual Conference
Networking the Global Dimension**

An opportunity to find out how YHGSA can help bring a Global Dimension to your work

Friday 24th September, 12.00 – 5.00 pm, University of Hull

The 2004 Conference aims to identify opportunities for organisations from the Yorkshire and the Humber Region to work with the YHGSA to promote greater global awareness for young people in education.

It is open to people with an interest in sustainable development; black and ethnic minority groups; initial teacher training; fair trade; LEAs and development education.

Anyone interested in taking part in this networking opportunity should send their name, address, organisation, telephone and email details to Elaine Street at the DEC (Hull), and an invitation will be sent to you.

Tel: 01482 616619 Email: elaine@dechull.karoo.co.uk

Winner of £50 worth of book tokens

Thanks to all of you who sent in details of your school link. The first drawn out of the postbag was **Emily Warren's** from **Kirkby and Great Broughton Primary School in North Yorkshire**. They have an initial link for their year 4 pupils but aim to have a whole school link over time. Congratulations, Emily. You have won £50 worth of book tokens for your school, these are on their way to you.

If you would like a chance to win some books tokens then please fill in the form below telling us about your school's link.

"Widening the Circle" – an exciting new project

A near-full cinema at the York City Screen watched the film "The Boy who plays on the Buddhas of Bamiyan." Afterwards many of those who had enjoyed the film listened to a talk and took part in a discussion of the issues. This was the first in a two year programme of monthly films to be jointly hosted by the Centre for Global Education and City Screen. This innovative

project is intended for anyone interested in global issues, who wishes to broaden their knowledge and may then wish to take part in campaigning activities which tackle the issues the films are exploring. Future films include:

Tuesday 25th May "Amandla!" A Revolution in 4 part harmony" (12A)

This award-winning documentary shows the impact of music in the ending of apartheid. It is also a chance to celebrate the tenth anniversary of democracy in South Africa.

Tuesday 15th June The Last Resort (15) As part of Refugee Week events.

The story of a Russian mother and child seeking asylum in Britain, told how 'lucky' they are, while having to deal with the realities of relocation.

The Basement event after will include John Siddique performing refugee-related poems.

6.45pm start and £5 entry for both films – followed by free events in the Basement to discuss the films and hear talks related to their themes. For more details, and to go on the mailing list contact Richard Thurley at the Centre for Global Education – 716838 or r.thurley@yorks.ac.uk

Want support in developing the GLOBAL DIMENSION?

We offer a range of courses across the region for teachers and Key Stage co-ordinators. For further details of courses this term please contact Celia Robbins on celia@robbins84a.fsnet.co.uk and she will send you details of our courses.

We also offer Global Steps grants of up to £750 for whole school development. For further details please contact Adam Ranson on adam@leedsdec.co.uk

Bradford and Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Education Team

are pleased to invite applications for the post of Global Education Adviser. This is a 20 hour per week part-time post and arises whilst the present Adviser takes maternity leave. Further details from: Elaine Blackshaw, Windsor House, Cornwall Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. HG1 2PW Telephone : (01423) 817553 Facsimile: (01423) 817051

Closing date: 4th June 2004

Building the picture of school links

Do you have a link with a school in the South? Would you like to know about other people's links? We would like to develop a network and we have already set up a database. As an added incentive for you to fill this in, we are offering a prize of **£50 in book tokens for your school** to the lucky entry drawn from our postbag. Entries must be received before 24th September 2004

Return the form to: Chrissie Dell, North-South Linking coordinator, Centre for Global Education, York St John College, Lord Mayor's Walk, York YO31 7EX Tel: 01904 716755

Contact Name _____	Telephone _____
School Name _____	Email _____
Address _____	Age Range of Pupils _____
_____	Link Country _____
_____	Name of School in the South _____
Postcode _____	Type of Link - Whole School/ Curriculum Areas _____
Any other information you would like to share _____	

Each applicant completing this form acknowledges that the YGHS will hold information about him/her on its computer records and that under the Data Protection Act 1984 he/she is entitled to know what information is held and to ask for any inaccuracies to be amended.

Forthcoming Events

18th June

Promoting Inclusion, using Persona Dolls KS1 Scotia Works, Sheffield, DECSY

1.30 pm Cost: £30

Contact: Rob Unwin, Tel: 0114 241 2754

Email: rob.unwin@decsy.org.uk

Global Citizenship and Race Equality (Primary) 10.00am - 4.00pm Cost: £ 40

25th June Scotia Works, Sheffield, DECSY

1st July York St John College

Contact: as above

24th June

Implementing the rights and responsibilities aspect of citizenship KS1/2

A programme for rural schools.

North Yorkshire (Bedale Primary School)

Contact: **Charlotte Hunt** Tel: 01653

691926 Email: charlotte@unicef.org.uk

2nd July

Cultural Mentoring : Celebrating Dignity in Diversity

Foundation stage and KS1

Scotia Works, Sheffield, DECSY

1.30pm - 4.00pm Cost: £30

Contact: Rob Unwin, Tel: 0114 241 2754

Email: rob.unwin@decsy.org.uk

7th July

An Introduction to North South Linking and Global partnerships

York St John College, 10am - 3pm

This participatory workshop will enable you to explore the potential educational benefits and practicalities of developing a north south school partnership

Contact: Chrissie Dell

Tel: 01904 716755 email:

c.dell@yorks.ac.uk

Autumn Term Date TBC

Global Dimension in Primary School

To develop opportunities for embedding the Global Dimension in the Primary curriculum KS: 1 & 2

Bradford cost: £40 Contact: **Sally Tottle**

Email: sally@cravendec.fsworld.co.uk

Friday 24th September, 12– 5pm

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contact: Elaine Street DEC(Hull)

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Late October

Developing critical thinking skills about global sustainable development issues KS3

Leeds DEC

A two part course, 1.30pm - 4.30pm,

Second in February to be confirmed

A copy of Ken Webster's Book, "Rethink, Revise, Reduce..." will go free to all participants

Cost: £40 Contact: Craig Johnson

Tel: 01756 700778

Email: craig.johnson6@btinternet.com

YHGSA and DFID Global School Partnerships work together

Many people in the North use wealth as the principle of worth, blind to the true value and dignity of people in the South. What we should all be working towards in the end is political change. Linking should help build a grassroots development for global change and that should be our aim. Justice is required, not aid.

Bulawayo Conference

A selection of quotations including the one above was used at the regional workshop, **an introduction to Global School Partnerships** held in March at Leeds Civic Hall. Twenty-three teachers and advisers representing all key stages

participated in a series of activities. The intended outcomes for participants were:

- to have a clear understanding of the principles and key features of global school partnerships
- to be aware of the availability of regional and national support for global school partnerships
- to be able to assess the viability of a global school partnership for your

school.

Some participants had already found a partner school while others were still considering the possibilities of linking and how this would support curriculum development and pupil learning in their schools. **YHGSA North-South School Partnership Service** has already had several enquiries following this workshop which is great news.

This workshop was the first in a series that YHGSA and DFID GSP will be holding. It is anticipated that teachers who attend the full series will be awarded a certificate in global partnerships that is validated by one of the universities. More information about north-south school partnerships is available from **YHGSA North-South School Partnership Service** c.dell@yorks.ac.uk



Project Review

Four York primary schools are developing links with primary schools in the Fanteakwa district in eastern Ghana.

This year the schools have received reciprocal grants from the DFID Global School Partnership which has enabled the teachers to meet one another.

In September 2003 the Ghanaian teachers spent 10 days in York. Most of their time was spent in school but they also visited attractions and participated in the UK One World Linking Association (UKOWLA) Ghana conference and they even had time to enjoy some cultural activities.

During February half term the York teachers went to Ghana and had a fantastic time renewing old friendships, making new friends, visiting their partner schools and learning about the life and culture in Fanteakwa. Chrissie Dell from the Centre for Global Education based in York, who acts as facilitator for the link said, "This was a fantastic experience for all the teachers, it was great for me to be back in Fanteakwa. Successful links like this, where true friendships have been made, help remind us why we do what we do."

The visits have given a great foundation

to the links which everyone hopes will go from strength to strength. Some of the schools hope to apply for curriculum grants to help develop their links further into the curriculum. For further information about YHGSA Global Steps grants of up to £750, which are for whole school development, please contact Adam Ranson on adam@leedsdec.co.uk

If you are interested in global school partnerships please contact Chrissie Dell on 01904 716755 or email: c.dell@yorks.ac.uk If you have a link already please let us know about it and you might win a £50 book token for your school. All you have to do is fill in the form on the previous page.



A note from the co-ordinator

The Yorkshire and Humber Global Schools Association is part of a wider network of similar initiatives funded by DFID across the UK. The regional co-ordinators of these networks meet regularly and there is a growing transfer of ideas and good practice from which global educators everywhere can benefit. A recent success for the YHGSA has been the award of a small grant from Oxfam. This will be used to stage a Dissemination Conference in February 2005 for teachers who have benefited from the Global Grants Scheme or have been active in the North South Linking programmes. A publication will be produced, which will bring together classroom activities, and planning and evaluation documents used in these pilot projects. The ideas and outcomes of this initiative will also be shared at a national level so reinforcing the growing partnership between the regions. Contact the Co-ordinator: Ray Kirtley, YHGSA, 27 Salmon Grove, University of Hull, HU6 7RX. Tel: 01482 305150, email: R.Kirtley@hull.ac.uk

Feedback Form

Become a member of the Yorkshire and Humber Global Schools Association. Membership is free. If you are interested in the future work of the Association, please complete this form and post it to: Ray Kirtley, YHGSA, 27 Salmon Grove, University Of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX.

Name _____

Postcode _____

Organisation _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Signed _____

Date _____

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