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Refugee Week 16 to 21 June

Global Link provides support for teachers, students and community groups on a wide range of global, multicultural and development issues. We are open 12 to 5:30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Now that the war in Iraq is officially over, the tabloids are again turning to the issue of asylum-seeking for attention-grabbing headlines. Asylum-seekers have become Britain's scapegoats. Homogenised and branded 'bogus', they are blamed for 'sponging' from/off the British tax-payer and linked with terrorism. Politicians too seized on the issue of asylum-seeking in the recent local elections, manipulating a more general sense of dissatisfaction among voters.

As a nation, we are projecting our personal fears, greed and hatred onto a vulnerable group of people, many of whom have already suffered greatly. During Refugee Week, we aim to challenge misinformation and stereotyping around the issue of asylum-seeking, to engender respect for asylum-seekers as human beings and to celebrate the positive contribution they can and do make to society.

Eye to Eye,
Lancaster Library, 16th – 21st June
 An exhibition of photographs and stories by Palistinian refugee children.

Over 1 million Palestinian refugees still live in refugee camps across the Middle East. More than half are children under 15 years old, trying to lead ordinary lives in extraordinary circumstances. *Eye to Eye* allows you to read their stories as they want to tell them.

"Save the Children's Eye to Eye project provides a unique insight into the lives of young Palestinians living in the refugee camps. Here is a chance to hear first hand the

voices, which are too often missing from the news."

Jon Snow,
 One World Media Awards 2002

Missing,
The Gregson, Lancaster,
19th June, 8 pm

A short film telling the story of Doulat, a ten year old Afghani boy who became separated from his family when the Taliban captured Kabul in 1996 and who subsequently fled to England. Doulat (now 18) and Yesim (Producer and Director) will be present to discuss the film and answer questions.

Eye to Eye,
Morecambe Library, 23rd – 28th June
 See above for details

War and Refuge,
Cathedral Social Centre,
Balmoral Rd, 2nd July, 7:30

Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue, who chairs the Catholic Church's organisation for refugees, will talk about the connections and contradictions between the recent wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and the situation for refugees who seek asylum in Britain:

"I think there is a danger if politicians are going to attack asylum seekers it is encouragement for others in our society to go on the attack. It is very easy to make asylum seekers scapegoats"

Mohammed Asif, president of the Scottish Afghan Society will share his personal experience as an Afghani refugee and his concerns about the deportation

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Correction

Please note that our website is:

www.globallink.org.uk

Please ignore the website on the banner!

of asylum seekers back to Afghanistan:

"One brutal regime has been changed for another in Afghanistan. There is no security and different factions controlled by different warlords are fighting in various parts of the country."

Fairtrade in Lancaster

Lancaster, Morecambe and environs are well on their way to becoming the country's first Fairtrade District. There are now 29 retail outlets and 7 catering establishments in the area, which sell fairly traded products including tea, coffee, chocolate, snacks, crafts, textiles and stationery. Details can be found in the local Fairtrade Directory, available through Global Link and various other venues in Lancaster and Morecambe – or visit our website.

However, in order to achieve the targets set by the Fairtrade Foundation by October as planned, we still need more retailers, caterers and workplaces on board, especially in Morecambe and

Heysham. If you are a retailer or catering establishment, please consider supporting producers in some of the world's poorest countries by stocking at least 2 fairly-traded products and displaying Fairtrade promotional literature. For advice and assistance (and entry into the Fairtrade Directory) contact Sue Garner at Global Link. If you are a general supporter, please encourage your local retailers and cafes to promote fairly traded products.

Fairtrade makes a real difference to the lives of the people who grow and make the products we consume. During Fairtrade Fortnight in March, we were visited by Denise Sutherland – a banana farmer from the Winward Islands, who gave a talk at Lancaster Univer-

sity and was interviewed by BBC Radio Lancashire: "Without Fairtrade, I wouldn't be able to continue farming" she said. The stability of the market, fair price and other benefits that constitute fair trade have enabled Denise to support her young son and parents and have enabled her community to buy equipment for the local hospital and school.

Global Link would like to thank all those who got involved in Fairtrade Fortnight. We served dozens of cups of fairly-traded tea, coffee and chocolate snacks and gave out hundreds of directories and information to the many members of the public interested in finding out more about this issue.

Fairtrade Logo Competition

To launch Lancaster and Morecambe as a Fair Trade District, we are organising a competition for young people to design a logo, which will be widely used on promotional materials throughout the area and on Global link's website. The competition is open to anyone under the age of 18 and entries must reach Global Link by 1st September.

The logo will be used alongside the Fair Trade Foundation logo and slogan (below) and should therefore complement them.

For guidelines, your design should be:

- Any size up to A4 maximum
- Simple
- Eyecatching
- Colourful, but also workable in black and white
- Representative of the local district, and of fairtrade

For ideas, try looking at the Fairtrade Foundation website:






<http://www.fairtrade.org.uk>

The winner will receive a prize of fairly traded products.

Due to overwhelming demand, Global Link will be printing another 800 copies of Lancaster's Fairtrade Directory soon, minor changes are still possible, so please keep us informed if you spot Dubble bars at your local Newsagent!

But, winners of the competition to design a front cover for the directory's **next** major revision are Sam McCart from Preston, and Jessica Bishop from Bolton-le-Sands School.

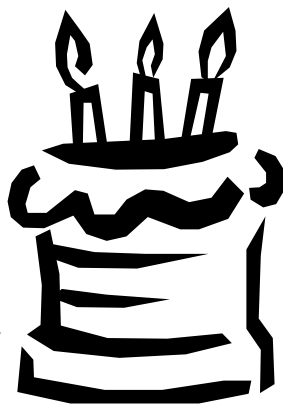
They win a £10 gift voucher from Labyrinth, and a meal for 2 at the Whaletail respectively, well done!

<p style="text-align: center;">   Your design here   </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Guarantees a better deal for Third World Producers </p>	
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Fortress Europe

By the time you read this, Fortress Europe will have had it's Third Birthday! We estimate that over 12,000 people, in over 50 venues, will have travelled with Tara and John, dealing with stropky border guards and immigration officers. Still going strong and as powerful as ever, already in this financial year the installation is forecast to be 'out' almost as much as last year, and it is only May!

We have recently restructured the hire fees to favour those groups working directly with refugees. Lancashire County Council have kindly donated £500 to provide multi-lingual translations of the dialogue for visitors who have poor hearing or for whom English is not their preferred language. That, and a lick of paint occasionally, will see us proud into next year.



However, one lesson for potential hirers to take note of has been learned from a recent event, where overenthusiastic organisers arranged for participants to be 'mugged' in Immigration by kalashnikov wielding folk in balaclavas.

Needless to say, this did **not** ingratiate them with representatives of the Home Office who were invited to view a workshop for the purposes of funding a further event.

The moral of the story - understatement works best with this sort of issue! Unfortunately Global Link can't be responsible for the actions of hirers, although we do give guidelines which are based upon our (and others') experiences. Check out our website for details of up-and-coming Northwest events in Amble-side and Blackburn.

Escape to Safety

Bookings for Escape to Safety are already being taken, with a mini-tour of Cumbria in September after work is complete on the trailer conversion. Plans for the interior have been presented to coachbuilders, and we have made contact with an artist whose work we like for the exterior. Meanwhile, the appointment of a dedicated Education Worker is ongoing, to be announced in the next edition.

The all important soundtrack-story has now got a spine, upon which all the organs need to be hung to best effect - deliberation over characters and circumstances has been done in collaboration with the project's steering group. I've just finished a transcript of the original Fortress Europe tape (see left), and I am still surprised how subtly the story's elements are entwined, all the issues for classroom debate just waiting to be picked out. We all look forward to the new soundtrack!

Talented Individual Needed

Global Link is looking for an addition to our Management Committee. The position of treasurer involves attending monthly meetings (approx 1½ hrs), as-

sisting our Finance Manager (Sue Garner) with the preparation of quarterly accounts and reports to the funders (2hrs max. every quarter) and preparation of the end-of-year Financial Report and Annual Returns (3 days max. per year).

If you know somebody who has a suitable background, and has got an interest in making a contribution to the community, ask them to telephone us for more details.

Ripley Sail a Success!!

Back in February we mentioned work in progress with the SAIL (Social Action in Learning) group at Ripley High School. The SAIL programme aims to support young people in developing the necessary leadership skills in order to act upon their visions of a better world. We are pleased to say that the sixth formers taking part in SAIL have now successfully completed their community action idea which was to run a global citizenship workshop for primary school children.

Working with a Year 5 class at Scotforth Primary School, the sixth formers ran a two hour workshop that included a range of activities. The central idea of their workshop was to highlight global inequality and show that many young peo-

ple often lack the opportunities and resources that, in Lancaster, it is easy to take for granted. The sixth formers wanted the workshop though to be a positive and hope inspiring experience, so aimed for the activities to be fun as well as thought provoking, and wanted to leave the pupils with ideas about how they can make a difference through supporting initiatives like Fair Trade.

The SAIL group ran their workshop in early April, and activities included challenging pupils stereotypical notions of both their own country and Africa, discovering a bit more about the diversity of life and culture in the world and learning some Spanish along the way, and playing a simulation game that highlighted how some people in the world are poor despite working extremely hard. The workshop ended by present-

ing some of the key principles behind Fairtrade.

The Year 5 class teacher Mrs Denman was extremely impressed with the sixth formers' efforts commenting

"Their workshop was fantastic, they presented the issues so clearly and in an interesting way that wasn't patronising to the children".

She added that some of the children had been so enthused by the workshop that they had gone home that evening and recreated some of the activities for themselves! On the whole she felt it had been a very good educational experience highlighting important issues such as poverty and Fairtrade, and hoped that it might be possible for similar work to be done between the two schools in the future.

BOOKS

Refugee Boy

This is a compelling story of a young refugee, the son of an Ethiopian father and an Eritrean mother. It gives insight into the long road to being accepted a genuine refugee. (A, KS4)

Open Secret - People facing up to HIV and AIDS in Uganda

Examines the HIV/AIDS problem in Uganda and describes how it is being managed. In particular it deals with the problems thrown up by the large numbers of children living in AIDS affected households or orphaned by the disease. (A, T)

Peru - Background - Issues - People

One of the latest in the the Oxfam series profiling countries. Covers people, history, geography as well as economics, trade and debt. (T, KS2, KS3, KS4)

The Colour of Home

A story about a Somalian boy who with his family arrives in Britain via a refugee camp. It describes how he adjusts to his new life. (T, KS1 KS2)

Threatened Cultures - Romanichal Gypsies

Centered on individual children and their families this book gives a broad view of the life style of Gypsies in Britain and compares it with that of gypsies in the USA. (T, KS2, KS3,

KS4)

For Every Child - Rights of the child in words and pictures

The UN charter on children's rights adapted and illustrated to make it attractive to a variety of age groups (T, KS2, KS3, KS4)

Multicultural Britain

Examines multiculturalism in Britain both at present and historically. Written for young readers it will help them to come to informed decisions and attitudes. (T, KS3, KS4)

Indonesia - Background - Issues - People

Another of the Oxfam country profiles, which look at the people and their diversity and current conflicts. It includes chapters on trade and economics, agriculture and controversy regarding deforestation. (T, KS2, KS3, KS4)

Inclusive Schools Society

This book is for all interested in raising the achievement of Black and Ethnic Minority young people in schools with a view to making Britain a fair and better place - a more inclusive society. (A, T)

The Greatest Stories from the Quran

Stories from the Quran retold in simple form. Well illustrated. (T, KS1, KS2)

We are Britain - Poems by Benjamin Zephaniah

ellors and explains something of their history, life style and the prejudices that surround them. This should help children and adults to understand them better and help acceptance of them as part of our culture and population. (A, T, KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4)

The challenge of Globalisation - A handbook for teachers of 11-16 yr. olds.

Written to cover the national curriculae of England, Scotland and Wales. The activities look at issues of technological advance, trade. (T,KS3, KS4)

Christian Aid - It's not just for Christians and it doesn't just do Aid

A pack to use with groups of young people in or out of school. It looks at problems suffered by other young people in other parts of the world including

A book of poems based on a number of British children with diverse ethnic origins and backgrounds. (T, KS1, KS2)

In The News - Immigration and Asylum The Facts Behind The Headlines

This book explains the issues of immigration and asylum. It explores many of the problems encountered by individuals going through the process of acceptance as either migration or asylum seeking. In doing so it conveys an understanding of the two. (T, KS3, KS4)

Caught in the Crossfire

This a novel, which covers many of the issues of race, riots and the lives of a number of young people some of whom are Muslims. Others are brothers who are divided by being on either side of a conflict. (A, KS4)

No One Is Illegal - Asylum and immigration control past and present

This book charts the history of immigration controls as well as detailing those of the present. It covers the politics of these controls and implied welfare issues. Finally it looks at resistance to those c o n t r o l s . (A)

It Happened to Me

The stories of six young people, who are at various stages of the application process to gain refugee status. (T,KS3,KS4)

Get Global!

This a teachers' guide on how to facilitate and assess active global citizenship

poverty, becoming a refugee etc. (A, KS4)

Go Bananas

A photopack about the journey of a banana from the Caribbean to the UK. Includes a hand book for teachers suggesting lots of activities. (T, KS1, KS2)

Kick Start - Global Issues for youth leaders and teachers

A teaching/resource pack designed to facilitate exploration of issues of justice

VIDEOS

The Luckiest Nut in the World,
Globalisation from the point of view of an American peanut. Lucky ole' thang got all the subsidies!

(T, KS3, KS4)

TEACHING PACKS

Lessons in Sustainability - What on earth is happening? - How do we respond?

A resource pack produced by teachers based on the Johannesburg World Summit. It is concerned about how poverty can be eliminated, whilst still tackling the issues of conserving the world's resources and its wellbeing in the future. (T, KS1, KS4)

Best of the Bunch,

A review of the situation in the caribbean regarding Fairtrade bananas (A, T, KS4)

Gypsies and Travellers.

Written jointly by a head teacher and an artist of gypsy origins this small pack explains the origins of gypsies and trav-