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Diversity Festival Edition

Welcome to our September newsletter. Our focus for this newsletter is 'diversity', in anticipation of the Diversity Festival which will take place across the District in October. The teaching resources and projects listed, therefore, all promote an understanding and appreciation of diversity, in particular cultural diversity.

The Diversity Festival is the first of its kind in the District. The vision emerged simultaneously from various organisations and individuals, including Global Link who have been coordinating One World Week (which always takes place in October) for several years. The Diversity Festival is being co-ordinated by Global Link on behalf of a large steering group representing a range of individuals and organisations, and will hopefully be the first of many. Enclosed is a flyer containing further information about the Diversity Festival.

The October Diversity Festival overlaps with One World Week (the last week of October) and with Black History Month which is held every October in Britain. The aims of Black History Month are to promote knowledge of Black History and experience,

disseminate information on positive Black contributions to British Society and heighten the confidence and awareness of Black people in their cultural heritage.

The origins of Black History Month go back to 1926 when Carter G Woodson, editor for thirty years of the Journal of Negro History, established African Caribbean celebrations in America. It is still celebrated there in February each year. In Britain, the Black History Month has now grown to over 1400 events. For further information see

www.black-history-month.co.uk.

For ideas for incorporating black history into the curriculum go to:

www.channel4.com/history/microsites/B/blackhistorymap/education.html

Here I am! Children from Lancashire and Around the World

In December last year, Global Link began producing a book called "Here I am- children from Lancashire and around the world." The idea was to interview children from all over the county but with origins from all over the world. Although there are a few gaps, we

Please note our new address! Global Link provides support for teachers, students and community groups on a wide range of global, multicultural and development issues. Our resource centre is open 12 to 5:30pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Should you have access difficulties (our resource centre is upstairs) please let us know, and we will bring the resources to you in the local library.

have now got the completed book, all brand spanking new and on our bookshelves!

3 continents, and 16 countries are represented, and the book comprises of 25 interviews with the children with a second section giving background information on the countries mentioned.

We have plenty to sell, at £9.95, so do buy one!

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SLIDE - school linking in diversity education

www.cleo.net.uk/slidetest

SLIDE is a project funded by Lancashire LEA to promote 'School Linking in Diversity Education.' Global Link's contribution to the project was to set up a website with CLEO (Cumbria Lancashire Education Online) to support schools in the County to link with each other as a way of promoting an appreciation of cultural diversity within Lancashire. Schools seeking a partner are listed on the website, and there is advice and information on developing links through the curriculum, as well as teaching resources. Lancashire LEA is making £250 available to each school involved in a Lancashire link. For further information see the funding page on the website. Lancashire Global Education Centre, a partner in this project, have been directly supporting two schools involved in Lancashire linking, and are currently writing up a case study of this link to go on the website.



Escape to Safety



Escape to Safety continues to be a great success. It was almost fully booked for the summer term, going as far afield as Bromley and Bristol, Cardiff and Askham. Many young people and children have had their attitudes at least challenged, at best changed by it. It

is now booked for most of the autumn term, and we already have 4 bookings for 2005/6 as well!

Sadly, our education worker, Janet Oosthuysen, is resigning because of personal commitments, so we will be recruiting for this post again soon Watch this space.

We would like to thank Janet for all her hard work and wish her the best for the future.

Postcards!!! We want to make a big collection of different images– of paintings/sculptures/cartoons/abstract– so when you are bored with your postcards please send them to us– we can use them for a teaching activity.

Thanks, Ruth

We now have a copy of Traidcraft's Winter 2004 catalogue.

63 pages of Fairtrade gifts).

If you'd like to peruse it, contact Ruth Self.

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Radio for Change

This project has recently prepared two broadcasts.

The Breastfeeding Network are a national charity with supporters all over the country. I worked with a group from the Fylde. Most of their work is counselling and supporting mothers so the project gave them a chance to explore new aspects and to speak out with real conviction. They made some very interesting points. Firstly the health costs of not breastfeeding for mothers and babies - are not only an issue in developing countries - a very conservative calculation showed that many thousands of pounds would be saved by the NHS on the Fylde by a modest increase in breastfeeding.

They considered the environmental consequences of formula milk - packaging, transportation, energy and land use. Then they explained how trans-national corporations had looked to developing countries once they had saturated the domestic market and at the unethical practices involved in foisting an unnecessary product on mothers.

They showed how recently both developing and developed coun-

tries are working to protect mothers and babies. Brazil is a particular success story - did you know that the postmen in Brazil deliver breastfeeding information to homes, and the firefighters collect donated milk for milk banks?

They also looked at cultural issues- how in this country women have lost the knowledge and confidence to feed their babies, and are surrounded by advertising and a general culture which undermines them. Not that women in developing countries never have problems with breastfeeding, but the knowledge is still there to overcome problems that arise.

This programme should be broadcast on Radio Lancashire in October – and may also go out on the new community radio station here in Lancaster, Diversity Radio.

The Duke's Young People's Theatre group made a series of short programmes about their exchange with Kosova. The Prometheus Project was based on developing theatre around the myth of Prometheus. Prometheus stole fire from the gods to give to humans - in the young people's interpretation of the myth this was a technology that saved life by giving warmth but also lead to war and

destruction. Whilst the group in Lancaster developed this piece of theatre, their partners in Gjilan, Kosova were using the same stimulus for their own piece.

The radio programmes follow the group here as they work on their play, tell people about the project, and raise money for the exchange. Hopes were very high at the beginning but sadly they only raised enough to bring the Gjilan group here. However they explain what a huge impact the visit has made on them and what they have learnt.

During the Kosovans' visit there were two public performances of the plays, and local MP Hilton Dawson came to watch. Both groups of young people interviewed him (his office had been very supportive in arranging visas)- they asked him about young people's participation in politics, and ways of developing international understanding and friendship.

These programmes will also be broadcast by Radio Lancashire and Diversity Radio.

For more information about these programmes, or if your group would like to be part of Radio for Change, phone or email Ruth Da-

A little known fact about the recent Olympic Games in Athens was the decision that spectators who turned up wearing clothes with logos of rivals to the official sponsors (ie the usual suspects) could be forcibly removed. Amnesty International criticised this ruling, fearing that it could be used to stifle political protest.

Did you know?

The latest addition to the trainer market is an offering, believe it or not, from the British Army. The PT-03, costing £79, is the Army's first commercial venture, and bears the crossed swords logo. The shoes, produced by manufacture UKGear, are produced in Vietnam, although 'not in a sweatshop'.

Diversity Resources

Early Years

Building Blocks for Global Learning

A valuable resource for personal and social education in the early years.

KS1 and KS2

Start with a Story (2002) KS1
Stories, being a powerful means of exploring issues, are used here to allow children to react critically and imaginatively. The resource offers practical activities, examples of their development in classrooms, a cross-referenced list of children's books, and curriculum guidance.

Global Citizenship The Handbook for Primary Teaching (2002) KS1 KS2
It explains Global Citizenship and develops principles into clear practical pointers for use in school. By discussing the issues, ideas and approaches in this handbook you should be able to:- explore and develop your own understanding of Global Citizenship; bring Global Citizenship concepts into your educational practice, through every subject area from ICT to PSHE and Citizenship/PSD/PSE, into assemblies and across the whole school.

Abu Lives in Kenya (2004) KS1 KS2
Abu Lives in Kenya gives children in the UK a brief insight into the life of Abubaker, a seven year old boy living in a small town in Southern Kenya. This Non Fiction 'Big Book' was written with RE and Literacy lessons in mind.

We are Britain - Poems by Benjamin Zephaniah (2003) KS1 KS2
A book of poems based on a number of British children with diverse ethnic origins and backgrounds.

A Resource Book for Primary Schools: Refugees KS1 KS2
This practical handbook can be used in literacy hour, geography, RE and citizenship, to develop empathy and understanding for refugees from countries all over the world. Includes "The Journey to Safety Game"

Feeling good about faraway friends (1995) KS1 KS2
This photopack uses positive self-esteem approaches for pupils to explore their lives, in

comparison with the lives of members of a Maasai family in Kenya.

Play on the Line: All children have the right to play (2000) KS1 KS2
This beautiful Big Book raises issues of why play is important for the development of children, taking as its case study the experience of Western Sahara (Saharawi) refugee children from Morocco.

KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4

Homebeats: Struggles for Racial Justice (2000) KS2 KS3 KS4
An exciting multimedia teaching pack, including a CD-ROM and resource sheets, exploring black history, racism, and struggles against racism across the world. Biographies of 50 people are provided. These include Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela.

A life like mine - How children live around the world (2004) KS2 KS3
A colourful book which looks at the lives of children from around the world. It examines their lives in terms of Survival, Development, Protection and Development. In particular it looks at children's lives in respect of wars, work Resources, and Health.

Whose Side Are You On? (1991) KS2 KS3
A moving adventure story about moral courage. A boy, scared to stand up to racism towards his friend, journeys through a painting to a slave trade plantation during the height of the transatlantic slave trade, and returns, knowledgeable and willing to challenge contemporary racism.

Threatened Cultures - Romanichal Gypsies (2000) KS2 KS3 KS4
Centred 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.

The Changing Face of Slavery KS2 KS3
This teaching and video pack looks at the history of the slave trade, connecting it with issues of children's rights in the contemporary world.

KS3 and KS4

Timanyane "...let's know each other" (2003) KS3 KS4
This handbook provides activity ideas, curriculum linking diagrams, guidance, contacts and sources of further information relating to visits by 'Southern Artists' to broaden the children's interests and enhance their understanding of the global society in which we, and they, live.

Colonialism, Slavery and the Industrial Revolution: the Empire in South Yorkshire 1700 - 1860 (1992) KS3
A comprehensive teaching pack designed for use in KS3 History, containing documents, posters, background information and photocopiable teaching activities.

Inclusive Schools Society (1999)
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.

Multicultural Britain (2002) KS3 KS4
Examines multiculturalism in Britain both at present and historically. Written for young readers it will help them to come to informed decisions and attitudes.

Focus for change - Class, gender and race inequality and the media (1992) KS4
This pack is intended as a flexible resource which teachers can use to raise issues of social justice, and make connections between different forms of oppression. Its cross-curricular approach makes it relevant to several subject areas at both KS4 and A level.

Reflections of Africa & Britain (1996) KS3 KS4
This teaching pack sets out to challenge some common notions about Africa and Africans. By taking part in activities using the photographs and captions, young people will gain a new insight into Africa's diversity. They will also become aware of the similarities in the lives and concerns of Britons and Africans. The pack can be used for Geography and English and also youth work.

Roots of the Future - Ethnic Diversity in the Making of Britain (1997)

A book which chronicles how emigrants and migrants to Britain have enriched our economy, culture over history. It looks forward to the future.

Faces of Britain - a cultural guide (2000)

A short guide to the culture of various ethnic groups in the UK.

Toolkit for tackling racism in schools (2000)

A resource pack to support teachers and others who seek to address the issues of racism and diversity in schools.

Made in Cheshire (2002) KS4

A play for young people which is a response to the trial of the two Leeds United Players Jonathan Woodgate & Lee Bowyer . It deals with the issues of friendship, loyalty, family, justice and racism.

New Europeans (1998)

A Video Study Pack to promote discussion on anti-racism in the new Europe

Your World, My World (2001)

Your World, My World is designed to help children explore their own lives in the wider world through looking at the experience of four of their contemporaries living in different countries. At first sight, Muluken from Ethiopia, Cidinha from Brazil, Sasha from Russia and Shakeel from India, may appear quite different. Yet through a range of activities, children will begin to appreciate that their new friends' daily lives and hopes for the future have much in common with their own.

Challenging a Disabling World (1995) KS4

This work pack is the result of an investigation into What is disability?, how the disabled are confronted by barriers, both in Britain and Worldwide, activities and resource sheets.

Show Racism the red card (2002) KS4

A Teaching pack covering the issues of racism especially in sport and the workplace. Contains booklet, info. sheets, video and CD-ROM

A Safe Place - combating racist myths against asylum seekers. (2004) KS3 KS4

Like its predecessor this uses well known

professional footballers and child refugees to get its message across and is aimed children in secondary education.

All different, all equal (1997) KS3 KS4

This is a moving story of mixed race children suffering racial harassment in Norfolk, accompanied by teaching materials (with video).

Pride World-Wide: Sexuality, development and Human Rights (1998) KS4

This report provides a brief survey of the human rights situation confronting lesbians and gay men in many developing countries.

The Black Holocaust for Beginners (1995) KS3 KS4

An accessible, painstakingly researched and painfully honest account of the most under-reported major event in world history.

The Amazing Adventures of Equiano (2001) KS4

A biography of the life Equiano born and brought up in West Africa for ten years. Taken to America as a slave. Freed 10 years later he lived an adventurous life in America and England. A campaigner for the abolition of slavery - he lived to see it!

WATOTO**An early years resource to explore and celebrate diversity**

Watoto is the Swahili word for children, and this pack will help teachers and other early years workers introduce children to 'new friends in faraway places'.

The pack contains sets of photos, each of which introduce a child and his or her family and daily activities. For example we see Luis from Bolivia as his Mum helps him dress, combs his hair, he plays with a ball has a snack and so on. Because these are universal experiences, and the photos portray Luis as real little boy- not a stereotype- children will easily be able to identify with him.

Supporting notes give background information on the countries represented (Bolivia, The Philippines, Honduras and Kenya) and biographical details of the children and their families. Activities are suggested to go with the photos, mostly allowing children to relate their own experiences to the ones they see portrayed. There are also games and craft ideas. Suggestions are given for how to introduce the pack to staff and parents and how to incorporate it into the Early Years setting. There is also general guidance on exploring diversity with young children

The pack also includes a tape so that children can learn simple phrases and greetings in the children's languages and songs from Bolivia, Kenya, Honduras and the Philippines.

Diary

Sept 26 Vote for Trade Justice Brighton
Thousands of people will come together on the opening day of the Labour Party conference to demand the Government ends global poverty and protects our planet. Go to www.tradejusticemovement.org.uk for more information.

October Lancaster Diversity Festival District Wide
Global Link and many other organisations have come together to present this amazing celebration of Age, Religion, Sexuality, Race & Ethnicity, Gender and Disability. See attached leaflet. Many free events!

October Black History Month National
Mainly London based, but a few events in 'the provinces' - www.black-history-month.co.uk.

11 - 17 October Local Democracy Week National
As part of this initiative, on the 21st October Lancashire CC will be holding a debate between senior Members of the Council and representatives of the Lancashire Youth Council Executive, the subject being "Can young people make a difference in their local communities". More information at www.localdemocracyweek.info.

15 - 17 October European Social Forum London
Inspired by the World Social Forum, this year's ESF expects thousands of social, community and trade unionist activists from around Europe. Take a look at www.fse-esf.org.

17 to 14 October One World Week National
Two of the events in the Diversity Festival are organised as part of One World Week, with the theme "Your Move!": The Ulster peace and reconciliation process (Sat 16th at the Platform), and a Service (on 22nd at St Pauls, Scotforth).

10 November Banipal Live National
The Lancaster leg of the first ever UK tour of Arab authors, part of Lit-fest. More at www.banipal.co.uk.

1 - 7 November Youth Work Week National
The theme for Youth Work Week 2004 (www.nya.org.uk) is 'The Best of Health'.

15 - 19 November International Education Week National
Based on the theme of 'Building International Education Links through Sport' see www.teachernet.gov.uk/iiew

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