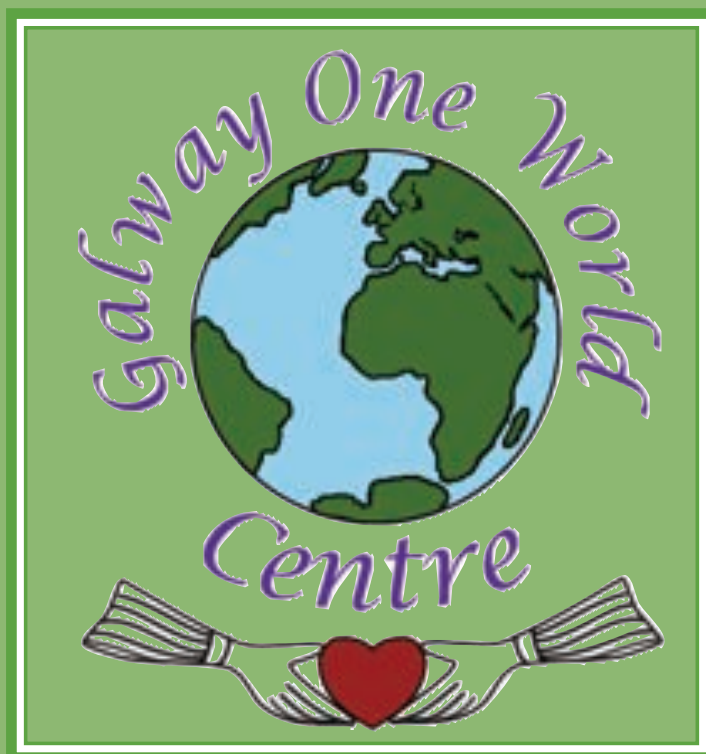


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The GOWC is a Development Education Centre based in the West of Ireland. It offers training to educators, youth and community workers as well as working directly with students, youth and community groups and the general public to provide in depth and up to date information on global development issues through workshops and resources in our centre. The centre also facilitates people to get in touch with similar organisation in Ireland and abroad.

We have made progress regarding all of our aims as detailed in our Strategic Plan 2009 - 2012, albeit at various levels. We had to curtail our activities somewhat due to limited funding, however we achieved our objectives. We have made progress in promoting Southern perspectives through a number of different events (such as Latin America Week, the African Film Festival, and our general events) some of which focused primarily on the artistic merit (African Film Festival) while others strengthened our relationship with local Arts providers (Baboro, Film Fleadh, Film Society). This in turn has led to a higher profile of the GOWC with the centre being mentioned in the local papers on a regular basis – which was helped by the establishment of a regular column within the Galway Advertiser.

Our work with education providers is continuing as planned and includes both consolidating existing relationships (Claddagh National School, St Joseph's Secondary School, WorldWise, Comhlámh, Ballybane CDP) and developing new relationships with other organisations in the West of Ireland.

We continued to further the development education agenda through our involvement with IDEA and Dochas.

Work with Schools & Youth groups

We continue to work with both primary and secondary schools in the Galway region. In 2009, this included Claddagh National School, the Educate Together Schools in Galway and Kilcolgan and our ongoing programme with 6th year RE students from St Josephs Community College. We have also continued our involvement in and support of the WorldWise Linking Scheme, in particular working with Seamount College in Kinvara and Roscommon Community School.

In 2009, we were instrumental in assisting Baboró to hold their first teacher's training workshops, 'Global Education for Teachers', as part of their arts programme, (delivered by GOWC in conjunction with Amnesty International.)

Other achievements in this area include the inclusion of GOWC-developed development education materials in the forthcoming WorldWise transition year pack, Comhlámh primary pack and participation in the development of a teacher-training module with NUIG, the 'Teaching for Social Justice' project. This project has been developed together with NUI Galway, the Galway Refugee Support Group and the Galway Traveller Movement along with ShOut and a number of disability groups, to design a teacher-training module highlighting diversity issues.

Youth Work

We continued working on specific projects with Youth organisations both locally and nationally. We collaborated with the National Youth Council of Ireland on their Global Youth Work Fetac course and the annual One World Week training session. We participated in an exchange session with Youth Workers and Immigrant organisations and provided a training session on 'Global Perspectives in Youth Work' for a pan-european youth exchange organised by Youthwork Ireland. Lastly we developed a joint project with organisations in Malta, Portugal and the Netherlands which we will submit for funding in the future.



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Outreach & public education

Working with NUI Galway

Apart from our work with the Department of Education, we were very active in the area of volunteering. As such we provided inputs on volunteering to medical students at NUI Galway, attended the volunteering fair and spoke about the pros and cons of volunteering at the International Volunteering Expo (to listen to a recording of the input go to www.galwayowc.org). We also organised a day-long workshop 'Options & Issues in Global Volunteering' in conjunction with Comhlámh.

Fair Trade Fortnight

The Galway One World Centre continues to be involved in the Fair Trade Committee. As part of the events highlighting Fair Trade, we hosted a food event looking at food security, impact of food on our lives, etc. This was followed by a visit to the Farmers' Market and a chance to cook and share!

Latin America Week

The theme of 2009 was 'food sovereignty' and in Galway the week featured a public talk 'Cuban Agriculture and Food Sovereignty' by well-known Galway botanist Micheline Sheehy Skeffington, a two-night documentary film festival and the main event, a public talk by the two visiting guest speakers. We also organised a film screening and a Food Awareness Day in Gort.



Juan Cambindo Cuenu and Alberta Cariño Trujillo addressing the public meeting in the Galway City Library



Education for Liberation

2009 saw the birth of our nightclasses with attitude 'Education for Liberation' which brought together academics and activists and covered issues from Mullaghmore to Mexico. The nightclasses are continuing in 2010 and for further information on the next upcoming course just contact us!

Publications

We established a regular column in the Galway Advertiser in the autumn of 2009. Topics covered included world faiths, Buy Nothing Day, schools linking, and all articles can be accessed via the GOWC Website. We submitted articles to IndyMedia and TribesVibes, and provided inputs for Galway Bay FM. Lastly our bi-annual newsletter highlighted cuts to the Aid budget and why Development Education is important.

We also organised film showings, events and inputs on different social justice issues in conjunction with Amnesty International, Galway Social Space, Comhlámh, BLOOM, Trade Union Council, etc.- for details contact us!

We continue to be actively involved in the Irish Development Education Association, in particular the Regional Working Group. For information about IDEA please visit www.ideaonline.ie

These are just some of the projects we are involved in, for further details please contact us!

Galway African Film Festival



Paul Osikoya officially launched the African Film Festival in May 2009.

The 2nd annual Galway African Film Festival featured a total of 5 films from different countries in Africa:

- Kirikou et les bêtes sauvages (Children's animation)
- Zanzibar Soccer Queens (Documentary, Tanzania)
- Return to Goree (documentary on the history of Jazz)
- From a Whisper (award winning feature, Kenya)
- Jerusalema (South Africa)

Also included in the festival programme were sessions of storytelling for children, a seminar with June Givanni (Perspectives on African Cinema) and a selection of contemporary shorts. This provided a deeper context for people in Galway to engage with Africa on the day.

Our special guests this year were June Givanni (curator of African and African Diaspora cinema, based in England) and Tendeka Matatu from South Africa, producer of Jerusalema.

Thank You!

Finances

Income

Irish Aid	123,000.00
Trocaire	7,000.00
Fees & Memberships	2,834.00
Community Foundation Ireland	1,500.00
Other income	2,345.00
Total Income	136,679.00

Expenditure

Educational Programme	47,586.00
Outreach Programme	40,096.00
African Film Festival	8,967.00
Other Project Spending	13,214.00
Administration & Overheads	15,137.00
Rent	12,002.00
Total Expenditure	137,002.00

(for a full copy of the annual accounts please contact us or go to www.galwayowc.org/page/annual-reports-account)

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- Michael McGaughan (Community Education Worker)
- Trisha Buddin (Administrator)



CODE OF CONDUCT ON IMAGES & MESSAGES

The GOWC is concerned about stereotypical portrayals of the Global South in both images and messages. We try to present an accurate picture of the world and the unequal power structures within; and as such have signed up to the Dóchas Code of Conduct on Images and Messages. Please send any feedback you have in relation to this issue to info@galwayowc.org or by post to GOWC, Bridge Mills, Dominick Street, Galway.