

Galway One World Centre

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Who we are

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.

The GOWC was set up in 1992 as a result of a feasibility study carried out by students of a community development course at NUI Galway. The study looked at existing development education centres, potential NGO support for the setting up of a centre in Galway as well as interest amongst people involved in development education.

Vision & Aim

Vision:

Galway One World Centre's vision is to work towards creating an inclusive society:

- that is no longer damaged by injustice, oppression and exploitation.
- where power and resources are justly shared.
- where people live with dignity, freedom and self-determination.

Mission:

Working in partnership with organisations, groups and individuals, Galway One World Centre's mission is to create educational opportunities in Galway that develop a critical analysis of the unequal power relationships that historically and currently exist between diverse groups, both locally and globally.

Galway One World Centre's purpose is to empower and influence people through education to create a world where all people have equality of rights, opportunities and respect.

Strategic Plan 2009 - 2012

Education

Inform the thinking & work of current & future educators

- Strengthen relationship with educators' training institutions
- Develop modules for use in 3rd level ed. courses
- support structures for existing educators
- Support schools with development education programmes

To strengthen community organisations to deliver DevEd

- Develop a 'Training of Trainers' Module for volunteers
- Establish strong relationships with community organisations
- Develop and carry out appropriate development education programmes with community groups

Advocacy & Influence

supporting activities aimed at a broader audience

- Work with selected arts organisations within Galway City
- Organise a number of events aimed at the mainstream public
- Engage with the local media to highlight our work
- To continue to build capacity of local likeminded organisations

Influence national debates on DevEd

- strengthen relationships with DECs
- contribute to submissions regarding devEd
- influencing national Development Education policy through national networks
- Contribute to raising the profile & understanding of devEd

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Work with Schools

This year the GOWC continued its working relationship with primary and secondary schools in the City and County, providing workshops for RE, CSPE and TY students. In particular we strengthened our relationship with St Joseph's College and Claddagh NS, as well as supporting activities and events in other schools. We developed a training package for pre-school children which was piloted with the National Children's Nurseries Association. We continued to work with WorldWise, the Irish Aid funded linking & immersion scheme for secondary schools, and developed peer support structures with other DEC's on this.

We have contributed extensively to a new education pack for primary schools produced by Comhlámh. This pack, 'diversity through the arts', provides lesson plans on racism, identity and culture using different methodologies such as drama, storytelling and music. The pack can be ordered from Comhlámh for €10 (01 4783490) or downloaded for free (www.comhlamh.org/developmenteducation)

At third level, we continued to link closely with the Development Education Network. We also provided inputs to the NUI Debating Society and for the ALIVE programme.

Outreach & public education

Our events and debates this year included very lively discussions on the topics of 'Volunteering Overseas' and 'Human Rights - a Western Invention', public meetings on Climate Change, the Lisbon Treaty, Cluster Munitions, the debate on FGM, 'Are we too push to push?', and a two-day training session on the 'Injustice of Debt'.

We also organised events for Latin America Week & FairTrade Fortnight and hosted meetings for Amnesty International Galway, WorldWise, IDEA, Medecins Sans Frontieres as well as the annual One World Week workshop organised nationally by the Youth Council of Ireland. As part of our ongoing work with Youth groups in Galway, we developed and delivered a training module on 'Local & global dimensions to living in a diverse society' for Youthreach.



Story of Stuff

A number of films were screened during the year to support our ongoing educational programme. These included 'Occupation 101' and 'The Story of Stuff'. As part of the Galway Film Society's Autumn Season, we screened 'Persepolis'.



Aine Bonner speaking at the public event on Cluster bombs

Changing Perspectives

'Changing Perspectives - an exploration of the portrayals of the Majority World in the West of Ireland's local print media' was the work of post graduate students Louise Murphy, Cillian O Kelly, Paul Grealish, and Emily Mc Groder - all students from NUI Galway's Masters in Philosophy, Ethics and Global Change. The project was devised and supervised by the Galway One World Centre. The finished booklet makes interesting reading and is available free of charge from the Galway One World Centre (info@galwayowc.org or download directly at www.galwayowc.org/uploads/chgpersp).



l-r: Paul Grealish, Louise Murphy, Emily Mc Groder, Cillian O Kelly

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

Galway African Film Festival



2008 saw the establishment of the first Galway African Film Festival which was organised as a joint project with the Galway Film Society and the Huston School of Film & Digital Media.

This festival offered an opportunity to see new films from African directors including *Clouds over Conakry*, *Bunny Chow* and *Africa Unite*. The festival was attended by over 1400 people and received positive press coverage in all local newspapers as well as the Irish Times.

The festival received funding from Irish Aid as well as supporting sponsorships from various organisations and businesses in Galway - and without the support of our volunteers we would not have been able to run such a brilliant festival!

Thank You!

see www.galwayafricanfilmfestival.com for further info

Finances

Income

Irish Aid	118,304.00
Trocaire	6,250.00
Pobal	4,117.00
Fees & Memberships	1,459.00
Conferences & Workshops	1,283.00
Other income	2,925.00
Total Income	134,338.00

Expenditure

Educational Programme	43,376.00
Outreach Programme	34,357.00
Membership support	13,703.00
Other Project Spending	15,904.00
Administration & Overheads	14,482.00
Rent	12,002.00
Total Expenditure	133,824.00

Thanks to ...

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- Mary McKeown (Treasurer)
- Ray Cantwell (MC member)
- Joan Kavanagh (MC member)

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- Pobal

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- Sharon Murphy (Anti-Racism Worker)
- Vicky Donnelly (Education Worker)
- Sarah Clancy (Education and Public Outreach Worker until July 2008)
- Trisha Buddin (Administrator)



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