

GMGEN e-newsletter

Come to DEP's AGM - we'd love to see you!

Please join us for our AGM, taking place at Laurel Cottage on 15 September, 4-6.30pm. Celebrate with us a year of achievements and our 30th birthday, and bid adieu to Clive Belgeonne who will be taking up a new post at Sheffield DEC. Get in touch and we'll send you an invitation: jane@dep.org.uk.

Call for Trustees

Manchester DEP is an educational charity which aims to enable people to achieve a just and sustainable world in their schools and communities, as well as more widely, in which power and resources are more fairly shared by all. As a charity DEP is managed by a team of volunteer trustees and applications are invited from people who are interested in this challenging and rewarding work.

Please contact Claire Cowell, claire@dep.org.uk.

Change of address

The Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust

The Trust has moved to: J Floor, Sackville Street Building, Granby Row, Manchester M1 3BB.

Phone 0161 275 2920, email rrarchive@manchester.ac.uk.

Courses and conferences

Eco Schools Forum and Green Fair, 20 October, Manchester Town Hall

Manchester City Council primary and secondary school pupils and teachers are invited to attend this year's forum and green fair, the focus of which is Sustainable Schools. As well as networking opportunities a range of workshops will be offered on *The 8 Doorways* to Sustainable Schools.

For more information please contact Raichael Lock at MEEN, 0161 273 8881, coordinator@meen.org.uk.

Faith and the Environment conference, 16 November 2009

Faith Network for Manchester (FN4M) is one of the newer networks in the Community Network system and have been meeting for about a year. The aims are to bring together people of different faith groups across the city, to act as a means of communication and be a resource to address issues of common concern. The group is now organising an environmental conference with the theme *Faith and the Environment*, where different faith perspectives on the environment will be discussed after keynote speeches from the major faiths representatives. It is planned for Monday 16 November, at either Bridge 5 Mill, Ancoats or Urbis (tbc), at 1700-2100hrs (tbc).

For more information please phone Charles on 07868 131022 or Robina Shah via e-mail at robina@fn4m.org.

Manchester DEP's Secret Global Garden, art and nature workshops from 26 September to 3 October, £5 per child

Explore the garden and gather plant materials to make a piece of artwork. Manchester DEP is running these workshops as part of the Didsbury Arts Festival, at MMU Didsbury campus. Young people have the opportunity to learn more about their natural surroundings both local and global, with hands-on activities.



Age 7 - 9 on Saturday 26 September, 10 - 12 midday or Monday 28 September, 4 - 6 pm. Age 10 and 11 on Wednesday 30 September, 4 - 6 pm or Saturday 3 October, 10 - 12 midday.

To book email info@dep.org.uk. All materials are provided.

Manchester Science Festival's Wish I'd thought of that! Inventors' Club, Monday 26 October, £5 per child



Inventors wanted! Manchester DEP is running these workshops as part of the Manchester Science Festival at MMU Didsbury campus. Young people can join in and make something new, with hands-on activities and prizes for the best inventions.

The first session (10 am to 12 midday) is for 8 - 10 year olds and the second session (2 pm to 4 pm) is for 11 - 12 year olds.

To book email: info@dep.org.uk. All materials are provided.

For more information about Manchester Science Festival go to www.manchestersciencefestival.com.

Oxfam climate change conferences for young people

Oxfam is launching a programme of regional conferences and is inviting schools across England to get involved. The Manchester event is planned for Monday 19 October and will support curriculum requirements for responsible citizenship at KS 3 and 4, including critical thinking and enquiry, advocacy and representation, and taking informed and responsible action.

Each conference will encourage students to participate in active debate, and draw up a personal action plan to take forward in their school and community, while developing their understanding of social justice and global governance structures. Attending will help students develop their skills in peer leadership and political literacy, and will enable them to leave empowered, motivated and informed - equipped with the knowledge, understanding and skills to effect real change.

Contact Jo-Anne Witcombe, 0161 234 2793 or email jwitcombe@oxfam.org.uk.

Philosophical Thinking for Global Change

This international conference will take place on 10, 11 and 12 September at the University of Cumbria, Lancaster campus. This is a conference for educationalists, policy makers and researchers interested in the ethical potential of philosophical enquiry in education. Price £300. Funding is available to help teachers attend this event. Please enquire about eligibility. For more details contact Cumbria Development Education Centre, 015394 30231, office@cdec.org.uk.

Philosophy for Children (P4C) Level 1 accredited course

Through active workshops participants will:

- learn practical ways of developing good thinking, questioning and communication skills in the learning environment;
- discover how to develop the potential of their class as a community of philosophical enquiry;
- have experience of P4C as a participant, and be able to reflect on its process and effects.

This two day course runs on 6 and 7 October 2009 at the YHA in Manchester, hosted by Cumbria DEC, and will give the basic qualification in P4C - an approach to teaching and learning developed over the past 30 years.

Cost: £250. For further information please telephone 015394 30231 or visit www.cdec.org.uk.

P4C and the Global Dimension, Level 1 accredited course

This 12-hour introductory course, spread over two full days, focuses on the theory and practice of developing communities of enquiry. Topics to be covered will include:

- what is a community of enquiry?
- the value of philosophical questioning in teaching;
- facilitating critical thinking and learning;
- applying P4C to the classroom.

This course, aimed at senior leaders, citizenship co-ordinators, teachers and teaching assistants, will be facilitated by Roger Sutcliffe of SAPERE on 21-22 October, Wigan and 18-19 November, Liverpool.

Cost: £195. For further information phone 0151 708 6515, visit <http://www.liverpoolworldcentre.org>, or email training@liverpoolworldcentre.org.

Opportunities**Communities for Change, 12 September**

The *Communities for Change* free event will take place at MMU Didsbury campus, 10-4pm. Featuring films, music, food and discussion, the event will be attended by over 50 community and Transition Town groups, taking action on environment and sustainability. This will be an opportunity for networking, inspiration and exchange and will showcase projects in which people and communities work together,

featuring everything from bikes to food, solar panels and allotments.

Contact Hilda at info@communitynw.org.uk.

One World Week, 18-25 October

Join together with thousands of others across the UK to raise awareness of global issues around food and hunger during the week of 18-25 October. *Hungry for One World*, this year's theme, is being explored through two different faith perspectives, Christianity and Islam. One World Week has been working with Islamic Relief to produce new resources, including presentations and handouts, to offer colourful and engaging starting points for interesting lessons that could be used in RE, PSHE, citizenship and geography in the primary and secondary school.

Go to <http://www.oneworldweek.org/v2/index.php?page=teacher-s-resources>.

International film competition

One minute to save the world is an international short film competition and online film festival. The organisers are seeking entries of one-minute films about climate change of any style or genre, from witness accounts and animation to satire and music videos. The deadline for entries is 5 October 2009. 20 finalists will be selected for judging by an international panel. Finalists will be announced on 10 October and winners announced on 30 October.

Go to <http://www.1minutetosavetheworld.com/> for more details.

Treathlon!

The Tree-Athlon unique fundraising event runs at Manchester's Heaton Park on 4 October. By taking part you will contribute to the planting of thousands more trees and to making Manchester a greener city! It is a great day out, including a tree party in the farm courtyard, where there will be demonstrations of axe racing, wood carving, tree climbing, falconry and storytelling.

For more information go to <http://www.tree-athlon.org/manchester/>. Sign up for team sponsorship at <http://www.justgiving.com/>.

Volunteering with Platform 2

Platform2 is a fully-funded volunteering opportunity for 18-25 year olds who otherwise could not afford to volunteer overseas, run by Christian Aid and BUNAC. Applications have just opened for January and March 2010 trips. These are the opportunities:

- South Africa, to volunteer with the Johannesburg Child Welfare Society which directly assists over 18,000 vulnerable children each year;
- Nepal, constructing a much-needed new secondary school building and teaching at the after-school clubs;
- Kenya, working on a project to conserve the forest ecosystem through environmentally sustainable income generating

activities such as fish farming and bee-keeping.

Completed applications, references and either a photocopy of your passport or birth certificate need to be provided. Deadlines are staggered, according to departure date.

Application form from <http://www.myplatform2.com>.

Information

Parliamentary Question on global learning

Before Parliament rose for the summer recess Annette Brooke MP, (Mid Dorset and North Poole, Liberal Democrat Shadow Children's Minister) put forward a parliamentary question to the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families which helps to put on record the value of global learning within the curriculum and raise the profile of the issue.

Both question and answer can be viewed at this link: <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2009-07-21b.286155.h>

Review of DFID's work to Build Support for Development through the education system

DfID is keen to know the views of those involved in formal education on a far-reaching review of education work funded by DfID. The consultation relating to NWGEN (funded by EES - Enabling Effective Support) is online at <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Documents/consultations/BSD-education.pdf> along with several other reports.

NWGEN is keen to encourage schools, local authorities and other education professionals to directly input to the DfID consultation, or you can contact Sarah Whitman [NWGEN Co-ordinator sarah.whitman@lgec.org.uk] if you wish to submit a quote as part of the NWGEN response. Comments on the reviews are due by 23 October 2009 but the sooner responses can be made the better. DfID will consider responses and in late October / early November Ministerial decisions will be taken about future DfID work. DfID is keen to have input from teachers, local authorities and other practitioners and is likely to really take note of what they say about the support they've had via NWGEN and other DfID-funded education projects.

Resources

Co-operate for Change! Fair Trade in your school

A new teaching and resource pack for primary schools, with classroom activities specially designed to introduce fair trade to KS2 students. It begins by exploring the basic concepts of fairness and trade, as well as looking at co-operatives and their role in the fair trade movement. There are lots of practical ideas on how to make your school fair trade friendly and set up your own Young Co-operative group.

The pack, which includes a CD-ROM containing all the activities and supporting resources, is available free from the Co-operative College. To request a copy please email enquiries@youngco-operatives.coop.

Introduction to Global School Partnerships - online course

This online course provides an outline of the principles and practices of global dimension learning partnerships between schools in the UK and schools in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. It can be accessed from anywhere in the world with internet availability. It will enable you to:

- explore the contribution a global dimension can make to school curricula and ethos and how a school partnership can enhance this;
- consider the practicalities of developing a new partnership;
- decide whether this kind of partnership is right for your school;
- identify the support that is available.

Go to: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-onlinecourse>

Mini Grant case studies and ECCB newsletter

The Development Education Association (DEA) recently ran a workshop offering insights into submitting successful grant applications for the DfID Development Awareness Fund Mini Grant Scheme, and its application process. At the event information was offered about previous Mini Grant recipients and their projects in the form of case studies. This can be found at: <http://www.dea.org.uk/resources/item.asp?d=1083>.

DEA also released the Capacity Building project (ECCB) newsletter, featuring the work of the nine partner organisations in the UK to build local capacity to broaden engagement with global issues, both locally and regionally. The newsletter can be found at: <http://www.dea.org.uk/resources/item.asp?d=1080>.

NEW edition of global dimensions, autumn term 2009

The new edition of the newsletter for teachers across the north west is available to download at <http://www.globaldimensionnw.org.uk>. It is full of interesting items, including embedding the global dimension through Sustainable Schools and Community Cohesion, Philosophy for Children and a case study of achieving Fairtrade School status. For a paper copy of the newsletter please contact us at DEP, info@dep.org.uk.

Speaking for Ourselves free teaching pack

Does your secondary school have these free resources on disability for Key Stages 3 and 4? Made possible by the Heritage Lottery Fund, *Speaking for Ourselves* has been produced to work with history, English and citizenship.

This free teaching pack contains a 15-minute DVD and a teaching guide, topic sheets with specific lesson ideas and an A2 timeline poster for the classroom!

Order free copies at <http://www.speakingforourselves.org.uk>.