

Teesside One World Centre

Providing materials and support for a Global Dimension in teaching and learning

- ▲ Enabling people to understand the links between their own lives and those of people throughout the world.
- ▲ Increasing understanding of the economic, social, political and environmental forces which shape all our lives.
- ▲ Developing the skills, attitudes and values which enable people to work together to bring about change and take control of their own lives.
- ▲ Promoting approaches to learning which achieve a more just world in which power and resources are equally shared by all.



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Treasurer's Report

Accounts year ended 31.3.2008

It is pleasing to report that we ended the year with a small surplus of £1039 compared with a budgeted deficit of £2700. Last year we ended with a deficit of £490. This was due to expenditure running at a lower level than expected and also an increase in membership fees of £300 which is most heartening.



We are again grateful for the continuing support of the One World Network North East (OWNNE) towards four projects yielding a total grant this year of £24000. The Global Partners Project began this year which is funded by the EC through the Development Education Association (DEA).

Finally I would like to thank the staff for their work in gathering in grants and other income during the year without which the Centre could not exist.

If you would like to see the numbers please ask at the Centre for a full copy of the accounts which have been independently examined.

The figures for 2007 - 8 are:

Income:	£	£
Grants received	87680	
Membership Fees	1200	
Workshops, Sales of Resources and Donations	4643	
Bank Interest	1556	
		95079
Expenditure:		
Salaries and associated costs	66119	
Centre Costs	15281	
Resources, Evaluation, Project costs	9876	
Finance Charges	2764	
		94040
Surplus		1039

Grants have been received from:

DFID; Paul Hamlyn Foundation; OWNNE; Christian Aid; Oxfam; Tees Valley Community Foundation; China Now; EC (via DEA); Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council; Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Middlesbrough Borough Council; The Cooperative.

With our thanks
M. J. Tomlin,
Hon. Treasurer.



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Teesside One World Centre (TOWC) aims to enable, influence and promote the delivery of education with a Global Dimension for a just and sustainable future.

RAPT: Refugee Action Project

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We are now into the second year of the three year RAPT project and our learning continues.

The start of the year found RAPT finishing off its formal work based at Redcar Community College. To disseminate their learning, students from the school presented their work and performed the song they had composed at the TOWC Annual Event in July 2007 to rapturous applause.

RAPT then moved on to the third project school, Egglecliffe Comprehensive School in Stockton-on-Tees where governors have been involved as well as staff and students in a whole school approach. In addition:

- as part of a series of lessons in Mathematics, Year 8 students have used asylum data to create graphs, compare statistics and discuss the results.
- Citizenship lessons in Year 8 have focused on Human Rights.
- Geography A level students used the project worker's own experiences in their study of migration issues.
- English Year 7 Literacy included a personal perspective on seeking asylum.

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- RE Years 8 and 9 focused on the topic of Justice.
- Egglecliffe Youth Theatre with over 80 students from all year groups created a play based on the experiences of people seeking asylum.

Dari Taylor, MP for Stockton, visited the Escape to Safety exhibition and talked to students about the campaigning she does in Parliament on behalf of people seeking asylum in Tees Valley.

From April 2008 RAPT will be based in Norton School, Stockton where Year 10 Geography students will be exploring 'People on the Move, Migration, Choice or No choice'. The Escape to Safety exhibition will be located there from June 30 until 11 July. Please contact the Project Officer, Hilaire Agnema, if you would like to visit.

Top: Teacher from Egglecliffe School visits the exhibition

Below: MP for Stockton Dari Taylor talking to Year 8 Students



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EMPLOYEES

NAOMI PRIESTLEY
Coordinator

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HILAIRE AGNAMA
Project Officer

CECILE ORD
Office Manager

Volunteers

In addition to the Management Committee who volunteer at TOWC, our work has always been supported by volunteers and their work is of great value to the Centre. RAPT actively recruits volunteers to work in secondary schools. In addition we have had a number of volunteers working in the office and on other projects. Alison Brownlee produced a document on using global weeks as a tool for delivering the Global Dimension in schools. Pat Anderson has created a resource drawing on her experiences of working in education in Nepal for two years and is also delivering workshops in primary schools. Amy Skelton has returned to volunteer at TOWC and has audited our science and mathematics resources. We are grateful for the time and expertise provided by all our volunteers.

*Acting Mayor of Stockton
John Fletcher and RAPT
volunteer Eskander Tesfay at
Egglecliffe school*



Sustainable Schools, Sustainable Communities ~ the Marske and Redcar community of practice

Teesside One World Centre and Groundwork South Tees are supporting eight schools in Marske and Redcar to achieve the aims of the National College of School Leadership "Leading Sustainable Schools" programme. This will enable the schools, led by Bydales School, a Specialist Technology College, to implement the Government's Sustainable Schools framework using one of eight doorways:

- Food & drink
- Energy & water
- Travel & traffic
- Purchasing & waste
- Buildings & grounds
- Inclusion & participation
- Local well-being
- Global Dimension

Using the theme of climate change this work is building a Global Dimension into each school's curriculum focusing on the key

concepts of sustainable development, human rights and global citizenship. The programme also supports the wider communities of Marske and Redcar to explore and understand climate change and take action towards alleviating its effects through development of more sustainable lifestyles. The NCSL grant is enabling staff from eight schools to work together as a community of practice to share their learning.

This work is on-going and owes much to the partnership work between TOWC, Groundwork South Tees, Bydales School and the other partner schools. The work has also been supported by WWF, the OWNNE, the Environment Agency and a Toyota grant.

Global Partners

This EC-funded project aims to develop local partnerships of groups throughout the Tees Valley to take informed action as responsible global citizens.

Opportunities and support are provided for community groups to better understand the role that they can play in addressing development issues. The project enables people to work together on issues such as human rights, social justice and sustainable development.

It aims to ensure that the opinions and experiences of the local Black and Minority Ethnic community are heard and considered.

The project has worked with the Multicultural East Middlesbrough (MEM) group during 2007/08. MEM is a support group formed by refugees and asylum seekers with support from Catherine Hughes, STEM (Stronger Together in East Middlesbrough) Community Worker.

As part of Global Partners, MEM has



explored global issues such as health, education, poverty and the environment, on a local level.

Global Partners in 2007/08

Tees Valley African Women's Voice, Multicultural East Middlesbrough, the North of England Refugee Service, the Regional Refugee Forum North East, Tees Valley Rural Community Council, Middlesbrough Connexions, the Middlesbrough BME Community Network, Groundwork South Tees, Thrive and Hartlepool Global Peace and Justice Group.



Global View

Global View takes Global Dimension resources out to schools. With funding from the OWNNE a TOWC Project Officer provides a workshop for staff exploring their Global Dimension planning and resource requirements. Funding is also available for schools in the Tees Valley to purchase resources to support teaching about the Global Dimension.

Teesside Preparatory School took part in Global View during the Spring term borrowing a range of resources on Brazil, rainforests, Egypt, India, toys, water, children's rights and global citizenship.



Resource Library

This year has certainly been a busy year in the resource library with many new additions. 40 boxes full of artefacts and books were donated by the Middlesbrough Council of Faiths and focus on 6 major religions represented in the Tees Valley - Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism - as well as Chinese New Year. The boxes include artefacts ranging from statues of deities to prayer beads and clothing, and a large quantity of books. They have already proved popular in numerous local schools.

TOWC has also put together resource boxes on Fair Trade, Tanzania, China and the Beijing Olympics. We are very grateful to China Now for their grant towards the purchase of the China



Olympics resources and OWNNE for the Global Dimension resources.

All these boxes are available for loan from the Centre. For more information please contact Cecile Ord.

Global Citizenship Network

The Global Citizenship Network has continued to meet every term throughout 2007-8. Themes explored are chosen by the teachers who attend and this year have included 'Using Photographs: Values and Perceptions' and 'Global Week Themes in School'. Thanks to Diane Cox who hosted the first meeting at Yarm Primary School and showcased the school's global week work.



Other Training and Workshops

Redcar and Cleveland KS1 and KS2 Diversity Pilot

We are in the first year of an exciting pilot project to develop a resource which will enable teachers and students to discuss the benefits and challenges of living in a diverse society and which introduces a Global Dimension into the curriculum. The group, comprising of teachers and teacher support agencies from Redcar and Cleveland, TOWC and OWNNE, is working in partnership to design, pilot and evaluate this KS1 and KS2 resource. During 2008-9 the resource will be trialled in schools and evaluated. Working with such an experienced group of teachers is proving a very productive and beneficial experience for TOWC.

Introduction to Global School Partnerships Training Sessions:

Teachers from across the North East attended training delivered at TOWC in partnership with OWNNE in February. This participatory workshop enabled teachers to explore the potential educational benefits and practicalities of developing a Global School partnership and was suitable for schools without a partnership or in the very early stages of partnership with a Southern school.

Similar training was delivered in January to staff at Redcar Community College which is in the process of linking with a secondary school in Kampala, Uganda.

Chair's Report



This is my first report as Chair of the Management Committee and my first task for my annual report is to thank all the staff and members of the Management Committee for their dedication, hard work and support during the past 12 months. Included in these thanks are our many volunteers and our hard working financial administrator Jane Tomlin.

My second task is less pleasant. We were all saddened this year by the death of our friend and colleague Glynda Tosh. Glynda had been a member of the Management Committee for six years and was a great believer in the work of TOWC. Several members of the Committee attended her funeral at Guisborough Methodist Church. She will be sadly missed for her enthusiasm and commitment to TOWC.

The past 12 months has seen the organisation go from strength to strength, increasing success in attracting grants and the long wished-for extension of the work of TOWC into a wide variety of community groups.

Looking forward to the coming 12 months two significant changes are planned:

1. It is our intention to change the name of our organisation to Tees Valley One World Centre. In itself this may not seem like a major change but it reflects the wish of the organisation to reach those areas of the North-East which may not consider themselves to be part of Teesside, in particular Hartlepool and Darlington. We are making some progress in these areas.
2. The second change is that as an organisation we intend to become incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee. This will not affect our charitable status or the way in which we work but will offer protection for the members of the Management Committee, who are all unpaid volunteers, from personal liability.

I am very much looking forward to the coming year as I am sure we will continue to build on the many successes of previous years and rise to meet the new challenges facing us.

Julie Rowbotham