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Highland One World
Global Learning Centre

Inspiring learning for a fairer future

Annual Report 2015-2016

What a wonderful year this has been for Highland One World. Our depth and breadth of engagement with schools has increased, we have forged new partnerships and strengthened existing ones, and welcomed many inspiring visitors to Inverness. The profile of global citizenship has been truly raised within Highland.

None of this would have been possible without the hard work of Rachel, our Global Learning Officer, Steven our Administrative Assistant, and of course our dynamic management team who bring so much experience to the table.

We have received an immense amount of support from Highland Council over the past year, in particular from Jim Steven and Christine Gordon who recognise the value of global citizenship in delivering the Curriculum for Excellence, and securing a better future for learners. We are also very grateful for the continuing support from John Rutter and staff at Inverness High School, who make us feel so welcome. The school has provided an excellent base for us to deliver our work, and its central location means that we have seen a significant increase in visits from teachers and local authority staff for support.

We are also very fortunate to be part of a strong IDEAS network, who have provided us with a huge amount of support, and inspired and motivated us to 'keep fighting the good fight'.

We look forward to building on the successes of this year and continuing to develop global citizenship in the Highlands, Islands and beyond!

Catriona Willis, Global Learning Coordinator

Online Learning

Accessing professional development opportunities can be challenging for some teachers in the Highlands and Islands, due to our geography, but for other reasons too. In recognition of this we have worked in partnership with the University of the Highlands and Islands to develop an online introductory course in global citizenship. We hope that by offering this course we can ensure equality in access to professional learning in global citizenship and hope that this will be the first of many which we offer in this format.



Professional Development

Through our Scottish Government funding and the Global Learning Programme Scotland we have been able to deliver a broad range of professional learning courses across the Highlands and Eilean Siar for teachers, support staff, local authority staff and probationers. In addition to our core courses, we have developed courses to respond to:

- Specific needs within schools and ASGs
- National and international priorities such as The Global Goals, Learning for Sustainability, GIRFEC and closing the attainment gap
- Global issues such as the current refugee crisis and Brexit.

Sign up to our courses continues to be healthy with many teachers attending more than one course.



947 teachers attended professional development sessions (Sep15-Sep 16)

79% of Teachers rated our courses as Excellent and **21%** rated them as Good

"Very useful and enjoyable course. Really opened my eyes."

"Brilliant course. Really motivating"

Practitioner Enquiry - Probationers

Working with probationers has always been a very

important part of our work ,and during 2015-2016 we worked with all 120 Highland Council probationers as they developed a practitioner inquiry in global citizenship. Our input included practical 4 hour workshops and 2 hour structured reflection sessions. Enquiries ranged from addressing homophobic language in a secondary school to using music to explore identity and belonging. The reflection session provided a great space for everyone to share what they had been doing and reflect on their own and their pupils' learning. This year we were delighted to be asked to do the same with this year's 130 probationer cohort.



Miles the rescue class tortoise taking part in teacher reflection

99% of teachers felt their confidence as a GC practitioner had increased
96% of teachers believed their knowledge of GC had increased.

Global Teachers' Network

We have been keen to re-establish the Highland Global Teachers' Network (GTN) for some time now to provide a space for teachers to share best practice in global citizenship. In June we held our first meeting of the new GTN and it proved very popular. Everyone shared something that they had been doing in their school then we had two excellent presentations: The first from Muriel Murray from Lochardil Primary who shared her schools Rights Respecting journey, and the second was from Karen Marshall from Millburn Academy who shared her approach to teaching chemistry through a global lens. We look forward to our next meeting in December and to building the GTN further.



Muriel Murray sharing her school's Rights Respecting Journey

Global Citizenship Matters Conference

In January we held our Global Citizenship Matters Conference at the University of the Highlands and Islands new campus. Despite the blizzard, over eighty teachers braved the elements to attend the event.



The day started off with an inspiring and thought provoking keynote speech from writer and development education activist Colm Regan. With both wit and wisdom, Colm challenged teachers to reflect on their role as teachers and ignited conversation about the part we can play in challenging inequality. I think we all agreed that he left us with 'fire in our bellies' and motivated to take action for a fairer world. We are really pleased to be welcoming Colm back in January - an event which will surely be a sell out!

The day also included a series of practical workshops from Scotdec, Wosdec/Scottish Refugee Council and the Shelling Project which equipped teachers with practical ideas for embedding global citizenship within their own context.

The aim of the event was to build teacher skills and confidence in global citizenship and provide networking opportunities. Everyone was in agreement that it did just that, with many asking when the next conference would be.

Our Food, Our World, Our Future Festival



As part of Global Citizenship Month in Scotland, we hosted a food festival at Inverness High School in partnership with Highland Council. The aim of the day was to build a thriving Learning for Sustainability network and to celebrate food as a rich context for learning. After a thought-provoking and insightful keynote speech from Charlotte Maberly, a gastronomist from Queen Margaret University, teachers participated in a range of workshops related to food education. Highland One World's workshop looked at how we can engage learners in making the global food system fairer, linking to Global Goal no. 2 - Zero Hunger.

Inverness Fair Trade group provided fair trade tea, coffee and cake, whilst Highland Multicultural Friends had

prepared and served a fantastic 'Global Food Cafe' lunch. They also treated us to demonstrations on how to make Palestinian coffee, Moroccan mint tea and baklava.

The day also offered teachers the opportunity to network with organisations involved in Learning for Sustainability in our large marketplace.

The day was a huge success and really helped us to strengthen our partnership with Highland Council and other organisations.

Visitors

We have been very fortunate in being able to welcome visitors from Malawi and Mauritius to share their perspective on a number of global issues.

In February we welcomed Pamela L'Intelligent, a garment worker from Mauritius, who now works for Fairtrade organisation Craft Aid who manufacture Koolskools school uniforms. Pamela shared with teachers some of the issues facing workers in the garment industry. This included her own very personal story of a life working in exploitative factory conditions and the difference fair trade had made. We were delighted to hear that as a result of hearing Pamela's story, Ullapool Primary School have made the switch to Fairtrade school uniforms.



In June we welcomed Howard Msukwa, a small-scale Kilombero rice farmer from Northern Malawi and John Riches from Just Trading Scotland to a discussion session at our HOW base. Those attending included Local Authority staff and representatives from different local organisations. Howard shared some of the challenges facing small-scale food producers in sub-saharan Africa, including the impacts of climate change, inequality in access to markets and the precarious existence of many subsistence farmers. Everyone

in the room had eaten Kilombero rice and were interested to hear how the Kilombero rice initiative was supporting communities in Malawi to become more resilient.

Two weeks later, we welcomed Jessie, Barbara, Clifford and Elina from Ekwendeni Hospital in Northern Malawi. Despite our visitors having a very full programme, they were keen to visit schools in Highland. Our first visit was to Culbokie primary school where pupils had been exploring water issues in Malawi, so were keen to share their learning. Pupils showed their visitors their vegetable garden



and shared experiences of the challenges of growing food in inclement weather!

Our next visit was to Ullapool to the primary school where Gaelic and Tumbuka songs were shared, and pupils found out more about life in a hospital in Malawi.

Our final stop was at Ullapool High School where higher pupils were keen to discuss primary health care issues in Malawi.

We had a great time sharing experiences, stories, songs and a lot of good laughs. Our visitors reflected on how friendly and accepting pupils had been to them - real global citizens!

Scottish Government

In March we received the welcome news that the Scottish Government would continue to fund us for another year to support schools to develop education for global citizenship. We were also delighted to note that the SNP pledged continued funding for the DECs in their manifesto. The continued funding has only been made possible by the tireless work of IDEAS on our behalf.

EU DEAR Funding

Over the past few months we have been working on the development of a exciting project for the EU Development Education Awareness Raising Call with project partners from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.

The project focuses on migration and the Sustainable Development Goals with an emphasis on youth activism and developing local networks. The concept note for this project was accepted and has now gone to full proposal.

If the proposal is accepted it offers us the opportunity to do some innovative work with teachers, pupils and the local community, whilst contributing to the sustainability of HOW until 2020.

Global Learning Programme Scotland

We have now completed the third year of funding from the Department of International Development through the Global Learning Programme Scotland. The funding from DFID will end in September 2017. It is not yet clear if there will be a similar programme for which a bid can be submitted, so it is important that we look to other sources of funding to support our work.

Lobbying for Change

Global Education is Good Education



On September 15th we gathered with the rest of the IDEAS network, MSPS and education professionals at the Scottish Parliament to explore why global education is good education. The event kicked off with some beautiful singing from St Rochs Secondary. This was followed by speeches from MSP Colin Beattie and Dr Alastair Allan, Minister for International Development. Our IDEAS director Tanya Wisely then highlighted the importance of global citizenship and the government's continuing support.

Colm Regan reinforced what Tanya had said in his thought

provoking speech, where he stressed the importance of connecting heads, hearts and hands if we are to effect positive change.

The event concluded with a presentation from a Dundee secondary teacher who talked about the positive impact of education for global citizenship within her own school setting.

By the end of the evening no one was left in any doubt as to why global education is good education. There was a real buzz about the event and we left proud to be part of the IDEAS network, and an important movement for change.

