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Development Education at BCFE

Initially reliant on experts from development education organisations, development education at BCFE is now based on active involvement of staff in the design and delivery of development and global education across the curriculum in the context of our continuing partnership with Evelyn Hone College in Lusaka and informed by participation in the broader development education community nationally and internationally.

In the academic year 2009-2010 a Global Education Group was established in the college involving teachers from a broad range of areas – media, music, art, travel and tourism, business and performance – with the aim of mainstreaming development education and integrating it fully into the curriculum. The focus is on developing the capacity of teachers to deliver a meaningful and interesting development education programme and on creating a culture of interest and engagement with global, social justice and human rights issues in the college and on developing resources around those themes.

In the academic year 2009-2010 BCFE, as a member of IDEA has participated in the “Global Educator in Residence Project”. The College has applied to become an associate UNEVOC centre in Ireland. Both these initiatives will enhance our knowledge in the College and bring us in contact with the international development education community.

Key Events in the engagement of BCFE with Development and Global Education over the past three years.

1. 2007-2008

- a) The initiation of development education in BCFE as part of a WorldWise linking project with Evelyn Hone College of Applied Arts in Lusaka, Zambia.
- b) The involvement of experts from Development Education organisations, 80:20 and Connect –World giving workshops and talks to the students of Media, Music and Social Care at BCFE.
- c) Participation at the UNEVOC Conference on North-South partnership

2. 2008-2009

- a) Continued work with Connect –World with greater involvement of teachers from BCFE.
 - b) The adoption by the media department of BCFE of the Dochas Code of Conduct on Images and Messages.
 - c) The co-production of a newspaper by the students of Journalism at BCFE and Evelyn Hone College entitled “Peer To Peer”
 - d) The co-production of a music CD with tracks from Irish and Zambian music
 - e) Work with Amnesty on curriculum and resources with the initial stages of the introduction of Human Rights education into the areas of Media, Music and Business.
 - f) Capacity building by increased involvement with other Development Education organisations including the attendance at the Centre for Global Education Conference and Amnesty Human Rights Based Training Course.
- a) BCFE became a member of IDEA- The Irish Development Education Association in May 2009

3 2009-2010

- a) Global Education group established at BCFE involving teachers from a broad range of areas –Media, Music, Art, Business, Presentation, Travel and Tourism.
- b) Student Union Action - Amnesty International Human Rights Day Action Dec '09
- c) Continued work on the aim of mainstreaming Development Education and its integration into the curriculum.
 - 1) Business students examining poverty and inequality through statistics.
 - 2) Tourism and travel students examining climate change and sustainable development.
 - 3) Performance students taking the themes of sustainable development and human rights for their main performance showcase of the year.
- d) The development of teacher capacity and resources in the area of Development Education.
- e) The participation, as a member of IDEA, in the “Global Educator in Residence” project in March 2010, aimed at increasing understanding and practice in Development Education at BCFE
- f) Dance4Life Workshops and performance with social care students.
- g) Music students from Zambia working towards the production of joint CD with students from Ballyfermot College
- h) Journalism students from Zambia working towards the production of joint newspaper with students from Ballyfermot College
- i) **Reciprocal Teacher Working Visits**
In February 2010 three teachers from BCFE visited EHC to work in the Journalism and Music departments along their colleagues in EHC. The work also identified development education issues explicitly addressed within the curriculum at EHC. Areas of mutual curriculum co-operation were also suggested and encouraged by the Ministry in Zambia and TEVETA. An amended MOU was signed which incorporated a commitment to examine development issues within both College’s curriculum
- i) Global Educator in Residence programme included a visit by global educator Vanessa Andreotti on 24th March 2010. Issues were discussed with the BCFE global education group. A report was written up which identified the next steps which might be needed

to help embed global and development education practice within the college and its structures.

- j) BCFE in May 2010, from discussions with Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), applied to become an associate centre for UNEVOC in Ireland.
- k) Global Education group met in May 2010 to discuss how best to implement the finding of the report arising from the Global Educator in residence programme.