



Review of The Project to Date- February 2010

Note that it is almost two years since we signed the Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) in Evelyn Hone College in March 2008.

What has been achieved:

1. One visit to each institution by management and tutors from each College and a second reciprocal visit underway.
2. Funding obtained from Irish Aid for the academic year 2008-2009 which allowed for:
 - The production of a joint newspaper.
 - Reciprocal teacher visits
 - The production of a music CD.
 - Workshops for students in BCFE on global and developmental issues.
3. A report and review was submitted to Irish Aid in May 2009 and further funding was obtained to continue the project for the academic year 2009-2010. The funding is to allow for the development of what was achieved in 2008-2009.
4. BCFE has recently submitted an application for development funding for “ A One Year Education Grant” which would allow for continued visits and collaboration in the academic year 2010-2011.

This grant would also provide funding for a deeper focus on development and global issues. Through enhanced teacher collaboration the grant would aid the integration of shared global perspectives into the curriculum and facilitate the development of learning materials.
5. As a result of the engagement with Evelyn Hone, BCFE has become involved with the UNESCO-UNEVOC Network (Centres for Technical and Vocational Education and Training) and has been deemed suitable to become a UNEVOC centre.

It has also become a member of IDEA (Ireland Development Education Association).

Overall:

An exchange of information between the two institutions has taken place. Contact and trust has been established between the management and tutors of both institutions by reciprocal visits. Student collaboration took place in the production of a joint newspaper and CD.

Continuation and Development (some thoughts)

1. The educational objectives as in the MoU broadly remain the same. Stated in the MoU is a desire to achieve "greater understanding and critical awareness of development and global issues" This could be partly achieved through the newspaper by focussing some articles on development / global issues and also through greater student contact.
2. Student contact would be greatly enhanced by reciprocal student visits. It is stated in the MoU that funding is required for this. Mechanisms need to be explored which would facilitate exchange visits by students.

Methods

- Develop student contact through teacher workshops.
- Encourage teachers from both institutions to initiate student contact.
- Establish a robust on-line communication between students and teachers.
- Focus some articles in the newspaper and possibly some music tracks on the CD on global issues.



Addendum to MoU


Both institutions recognise that the MoU of March 2008 has provided a framework for the development of the project to date. Central to this has been the reciprocal visits by management and tutors of both Colleges. As part of this co-operation both institutions recognise global education as central to education in the modern world and are committed to enhancing and embedding global issues such as fair trade, HIV Aids, gender, global warming, sustainable development etc. in their respective curricula. Both institutions would like to re-affirm their commitment to further co-operation focussing on:

- 1 Enhancing the co-operation between teachers with some exploration of the curriculum used in each institution.
- 2 Exploring the role of global issues in the curriculum in each institution.
- 3 Developing student-student contact by direct and on-line communication.
- 4 Expanding the project into another vocational area.
- 5 Exploring possibilities to facilitate student exchanges.

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