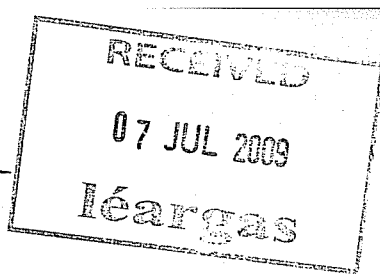


Partnership Agreement



GORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL, CO. GALWAY, IRELAND
TANA MIKE, BAHIR DAR, ETHIOPIA.

TEACHER VISIT OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2008 in BAHIR DAR.

- * WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A LINK AND WE ENDEAVOUR TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN A LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP BASED ON MUTUAL TRUST AND AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR RESPECTIVE CULTURES.
- * WE WILL WORK TOGETHER ON PROJECTS THAT WILL EXPLORE AND TACKLE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES WITH MILLINERAM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AT THE CENTER
- * WE WILL WORK HARD TO MAKE AS MANY OF OUR STUDENTS, STAFF and WIDER COMMUNITIES AWARE OF AND ENERGISED TO TACKLE RELEVANT IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES eg WOMENS RIGHTS, CHILDRENS RIGHTS, HIV/AIDS etc.
- * WE WILL THUS TRY TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE
- * WE UNDERSTAND THAT GORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL MAY HAVE CERTAIN ADVANTAGES IN TERMS OF RESOURCES, BUT WILL NOT IN ANY WAY CONTROL THE LINK BETWEEN BOTH SCHOOLS. IT SHALL BE AN EQUAL PARTNERSHIP.
- * WE (BOTH SCHOOLS) WILL ENDEAVOUR TO REACH OUT TO AS MANY STUDENTS AND STAFF AS POSSIBLE THROUGH VARIOUS SUBJECT AREAS AND PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN.
- * WE WILL TRY TO MAKE TEACHING AS INTERACTIVE AS POSSIBLE.
- * WE WILL HAVE PEOPLE (OUR GREATEST RESOURCE) AT THE CENTER OF OUR LINK
- * WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GOOD COMMUNICATION IS VITAL IN A SUCCESSFUL LINK. OUR TIME HERE IN BAHIR DAR HAS CEMENTED OUR RELATIONSHIP. WE FEEL A HEALTHY

TRUST AND MUCH EASE IN EACH OTHERS COMPANY AND WORLD VISION. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR LINK.

* WE BOTH FEEL THAT GETTING AND MAINTAINING A LARGE TEACHER, STUDENT AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER IS ESSENTIAL TO SUSTAINING OUR PROJECT AND THUS ITS SUCCESS.

* WE WILL WORK EQUALLY HARD AT THIS AND NO ONE SCHOOL SHOULD SEEK TO HAVE CONTROL OVER THE PARTNERSHIP.

* WE HAVE DISCUSSED AND AGREED WORK FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND FEEL WE SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THIS IS CARRIED OUT. WE WILL COMMUNICATE IN VARIOUS WAYS I.E. E-MAIL, LETTERS (INCL. PER-PO) AND TELEPHONE (INCL. STUDENTS → STUDENTS from INTERNET CAFE)

* ON-GOING COMMUNICATION WILL ALLOW US TO REFLECT ON OUR WORK ON AN ON-GOING BASIS.

* WE REALIZE THAT OUR GEOGRAPHICAL AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES WILL AT TIMES MAKE ASPECTS OF OUR LINK DIFFICULT BUT FEEL THE COMMITMENT AND HUGE LEVEL OF INTEREST (AND EXCITEMENT) IN WORKING TOGETHER IS GREATER THAN ANY DIFFICULTIES WE MAY ENCOUNTER. WE KNOW WE HAVE THE ADDED SUPPORT AND EXPERTISE OF WORLDWISE. WORLDWISE MAY ALSO ASSIST US IN THE (UNLIKELY, WE HOPE) EVENT OF ANY SERIOUS OR DAMAGING EVENT OCCURRING.

* EACH SCHOOL WILL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORKING TOWARDS DEADLINES. WE WILL ALWAYS KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND OTHER TEACHERS INFORMED, WORKING AND INTERESTED. WE HAVE A BIG RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE AND MUST ENSURE WE SPEND WISELY AND APPROPRIATELY EACH GRANT WE RECEIVE.

Carmel Naylor (GORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL)

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