



Educating for a **fair** and  
**sustainable** world.

# *Cumbria Development Education Centre*

## *Annual Report 2008-09*

**Educating for a fair and sustainable world**

*CDEC aims to support students, teachers and community groups in understanding and promoting the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to participate in a multicultural society and an interdependent world.*



**Multicultural** Education

**Global** Citizenship



**School linking**

with partners local  
and global



Global Education in  
the **Outdoors**

Challenging **Prejudice**  
and **Racism**



Teaching **Resources**  
and Professional  
**Development**

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## Foreword by Chairperson

In the course of the year, CDEC has made significant progress in achieving its objective to become the key provider of education services promoting global citizenship to both schools and communities in Cumbria.

We have achieved this through:

- \* The projects and activities listed above
- \* Aligning our services with new curriculum developments e.g. citizenship, community cohesion and the global dimension
- \* Establishing an attractive and accessible office in Barrow, serving the south of the county in addition to our office in Ambleside
- \* Further work on our website making resources and services more accessible
- \* Moving towards a more effective and sustainable staffing structure



During a year in which it was becoming increasingly more challenging to obtain project funding, CDEC had significant success in maintaining its effectiveness. At the end of the financial year we were in the position of waiting to hear about both major and minor grant funding bids, with a



strategy in place to cover any eventuality. We are now able to report success in both a DfID major and a DfID mini bid and have been able to respond quickly to put these resources into active use.

## Treasurer's Report 2008-2009

### Introduction

The finance sub-committee met three times during the financial year; September 15th, January 19th and 26th March. The changes made to staff structures and accounting systems in 2006-2007 are now established and working well.

Financial systems are managed by a joint administrative and book-keeping role, ably carried out by Claire Ward. Saint & Co. accountants act as independent examiners for our 08-09 accounts and prepare the accounts for the AGM, including all paperwork relating to registering the annual return with the Charity Commission.

Salary payments are outsourced to Aims & Co accountants at a cost of £100 a quarter. This service calculates tax and other deductions before the transaction to pay is made monthly over the phone by the CDEC Finance Officer. A file is kept in the CDEC office which the treasurer monitors and signs regularly. Other small payments can be made from within the centre using a debit card, statements for which are monitored and signed by the treasurer as required by our financial policy.

### Review of financial position of the charity

At the end of the year 2008-9 we have total funds of £104,087, an increase on the previous year of £44,837.

Of the total £104,087, we have unrestricted reserves of £65,365 which is an increase on the previous year of £18,179. The balance of £38,722 must be used for restricted purposes and will be carried forward into the coming year. Carry-forward will vary from year to year due to the difference in financial periods between CDEC and funders.

Including grants and funds carried forward from the previous year, 2008-09 saw a total income of £241,371. Of this total approximately 20% was raised through service provision, which includes global education training paid by the user, conference fees paid by participants, resource sales and subscriptions. This is a very similar figure to last year and shows a consistency in CDEC's work.

As usual, staffing constitutes the major expenditure with a figure of £108,825 out of total expenditure of £196,534. A number of projects were completed in 2008-09, in particular "Thinking of Linking" and "Philosophy for Global Citizenship" projects after two years of funding.

Given the continued uncertainty over funding CDEC has not been able to introduce a contributory pension scheme to its staff this year, although we do now link staff salaries to inflation.

## Looking ahead to the 2009 - 10

### *Income Budget*

A total of £103,000 is anticipated or confirmed as new funds for 2009-10. Particularly significant is the funding from the DfID Development Awareness Fund for "Get Global in Cumbria: introducing critical global awareness in hard-to-reach schools". In 2009-10 this will contribute £62,000 to our income. We have recently had confirmation of a new three year project "Outside the Box", funded from the DfID Development Awareness Fund. This will provide additional income from that listed above, beginning in September 09.

### *Expenditure budget*

We have a full budget set out for the year ahead, with a total allocated to each spending category under each project line, all budgeted into the CDEC office SAGE accounting system in advance of the year. This means that we can track spending against budgets on a monthly basis. We have included a CDEC Centre expenditure category in all project and spending lines, and we can thus keep track of central administration and running costs whilst ensuring that all projects contribute to these costs.

## News from the Centre

CDEC moved locations in Barrow, from the Parkview School base to serviced offices at the Phoenix Business Centre. This has provided desk space for three staff and has extended our profile in the Furness area by greater accessibility to our users and access to meeting room space at the centre. We have also been clearing out the Trinity School base in Carlisle and the St Joseph's School base in Workington. To this end all the resources have been returned to the Ambleside office and the full collection is now housed in the attic room at Low Nook. The subscription service continues to prove successful, and we are receiving requests for loans from schools all around the county. The development of our website continues, and users will soon be able to borrow resources, purchase publications and book courses online.

## Project activities

### *Get Global in Cumbria*



Year 2 of the "Get Global in Cumbria" project has seen the fulfilment of pupil audits at five project schools and regular meetings with teachers to support in the planning of curriculum activities and development of their whole-school approach to global education. Extra support and funding from COWC and CAFOD has led to a cluster of Carlisle schools working towards Fairtrade School status as a starting point for whole school global education programmes. This included a well-attended full day CPD course for schools interested in

fairtrade status and how this links with global education in the curriculum. The objectives of this project, to bring global education to hard-to-reach schools across Cumbria, are further supported by the Lake District National Park Authority 'Sustainable Development Fund' for a courier service to enable outlying schools to access CDEC loan boxes and use them in the classroom.

### *Making Sense of Diversity in the Early Years*

Funding was again secured from Cumbria Children's Services to work with early years settings in west and south Cumbria. We have worked with eleven settings in total this year, to introduce and develop an understanding of diversity through classroom activities and sustained shared thinking.

### *KS3 Identity and Diversity*

This project was funded by the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) to embed creative teaching and learning approaches in the revised KS3 citizenship curriculum in secondary schools in Cumbria. Six schools across Cumbria were invited to join the project, trialling and developing teaching approaches with a focus on community cohesion, identity and diversity, and participatory teaching methods. The project ended in



November with a well-attended Secondary Citizenship Conference, to celebrate and disseminate the achievements of the schools involved. Dissemination continues with schemes of work and lesson plans produced through the project being available on the Cumbria Citizenship Moodle. Some follow-up funding was provided by Cumbria Children's Services, to extend this work beyond 'Identity and Diversity' into 'Rights and Responsibilities'.

### *Poverty to Prosperity*

P2P is a development awareness project funded by the European Union, in partnership with the Field Studies Council (FSC) in the UK, BOCS Foundation in Hungary, TIME Foundation in Bulgaria and the International Centre for Enterprise and Sustainable Development in Ghana. The main objective is to raise awareness and change the attitudes of young people towards development issues and how they can support the Millennium Development Goals. CDEC will be a key player in delivering support and training for the target group in this action; namely teachers and pupils in northwest England. A number of schools have been recruited to the project and we are carrying out baseline assessments of their knowledge and attitudes to issues relevant to the project, in preparation for the coming years work.

## Service Provision

*Workshops, courses and classroom sessions:*

- ✦ "Thinking of Linking" full day course - Wigan, Liverpool, Gateshead and Penrith
- ✦ Philosophy for Children (P4C) taster session - part of CDEC's 2008 AGM
- ✦ Global School Linking Conference - very successful celebration event attended by local schools and some of their overseas partners from Mexico, Ghana and South Africa
- ✦ P4C Level 1 training - a number of courses run over the year, always well attended
- ✦ "Really Useful Guide to Global Education" - Inset session
- ✦ "Sustainable Schools" - Inset session, very well attended
- ✦ "The Global Outdoor Classroom" full day course - Cumbria & Lancashire
- ✦ KS3 Identity & Diversity conference - vibrant event to celebrate the end of the KS3 project
- ✦ Fairtrade Schools - full-day CPD event
- ✦ "Putting the World into World Class Education" - Inset session
- ✦ Input at the Lancashire conference "Diversity in the Early Years"
- ✦ Input at the Cumbria CPD course "Community Cohesion"
- ✦ Weekly Philosophy for Children sessions for Year 3 at Ambleside Primary School
- ✦ Weekly Philosophy for Children sessions at Moresby School, as part of Creative Partnerships contract to embed creative teaching and learning

P4C in the Outdoors - sessions with Stramongate and Selside Schools as part of a contract with the School of Education Partnership and Enterprise, University of Cumbria

We had a resources stand at the Cumbria Primary Heads conference and the National Association of Field Study Officers conference.

## Networks and partnership working

CDEC works in partnership on many projects, and has built and strengthened partnerships with, in particular: the Adventure and Environmental Awareness Group (AEAG); Barrow Excellence Cluster Partnership (BECP); Carlisle One World Centre (COWC); Citizenship Development Group; Cumbria Fair Trade Network; Cumbria Healthy Schools; Education 21 Partnership; Multicultural Liaison Group; University of Cumbria; Cumbria Children's Services; Creative Futures Cumbria; CAFOD; NW Environment & Sustainable Development Group; SAPERE

### Northwest Global Education Network NWGEN Activities

CDEC continues to act as the Cumbrian co-ordinating body for NW Global Education Network, keeping a high profile for global education among providers across Cumbria. To this end, CDEC has chaired the Education 21 Network throughout the year, we keep interested parties informed of events and opportunities via e-newsletter, and we ensure that global education events in Cumbria are complementing the existing provision of Cumbria Children's Services, other education providers and the University of Cumbria.

We have also completed the NWGEN-funded programme 'Thinking of Linking' with courses offered in Lancashire, Liverpool, the North East & Cumbria, a practitioners conference in Cumbria, and the production of a curriculum handout to complement the existing course workbook. Early in this financial year, some of CDEC's work was professionally videoed to produce a short film about the work of the NW Global Education Network, to be shown at the National Association of Head Teachers 2008 conference. This film is entitled "Teaching the Global Dimension".

### National Consortium of DEC's

CDEC is acting as the lead body for the Oxfam-funded National Consortium of DEC's, and this year organised and ran the National DEC's Conference and set up a programme of CPD events for teachers, to be shared between DEC's. CDEC's ongoing role in the consortium has been confirmed for the coming financial year when there will be a focus on raising the national profile of DEC's.



## Major funders 2008 - 2009

Department for International Development

Cumbria Children's Services

Creative Partnerships

Oxfam

Donations

Northwest Global Education Network

Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA)

We have received a substantial range of income from the Department for International Development (DfID), both through direct grants and via the Northwest Global Education Network. Overall, DfID funds account for approximately 54% of CDEC income in 08-09. A grant came from the Training and Development Agency for Schools (TDA) to support work on Identity and Diversity at KS3, with other funds given by Cumbria County Council to develop this work. And we have received significant funds from Oxfam for the National DEC's Consortium, which CDEC has been contracted to manage and run.

Smaller sums from the Diocese continue to be important to CDEC in providing unrestricted funds to support those aspects of our work which are not covered by major grants.

All of CDEC's expenditure has been for activities as detailed in Section C above, in direct support of CDEC's objectives.



## The Trustees

The trustees who served the charity during the period were as follows:

Chair: Valerie Hallard (Chair)

Treasurer / Minutes Secretary: Coral Davies

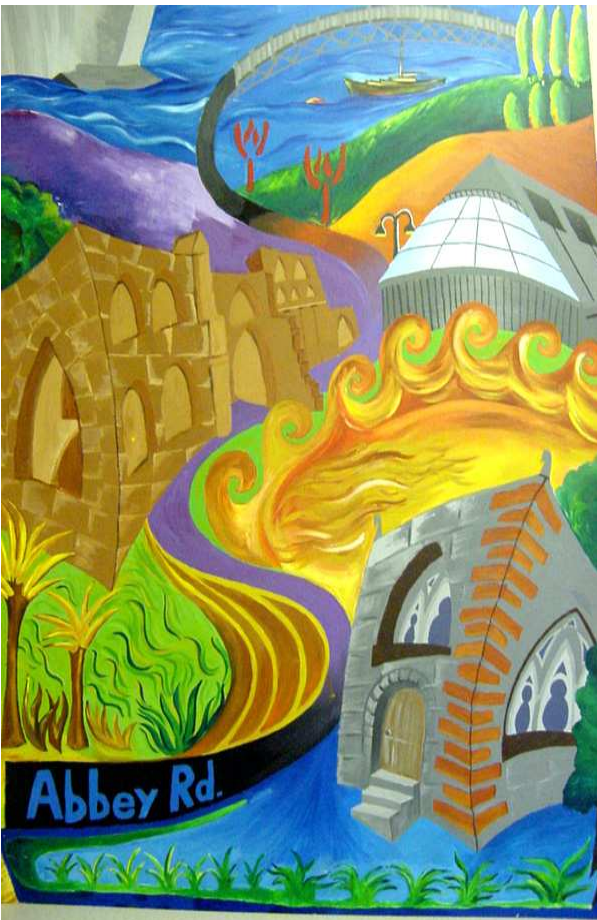
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## The Staff Team

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