

## June 2010

“The key to creating and growing a grassroots movement is networking and no organization that I know of facilitates and encourages networking better than BUILD. The contacts I have made through BUILD have enhanced my work not only nationally and internationally with Fairtrade Towns but also locally through the Garstang and New Koforidua link.”

*Bruce Crowther, Fairtrade Towns*

‘Being a member of the BUILD enables Cambridge Education Foundation to see the ‘bigger picture’ of how partnerships can effectively deliver challenging outcomes across the world. It enables joined-up thinking to emerge across different sectors, and, excitingly, has enabled our Romanian charity to be involved in a European initiative.’

*Angela Cook, Cambridge Education Foundation*

## Director’s Report

### The Political Climate

The past 6 months have seen considerable changes in the political and economic climate which have had and will continue to have a major impact on our work, on the work of our member organisations and the partners they are working with in the South. We are grateful to the lobbyist Nigel Clarke for his advice prior to the election.

We welcome the declared commitment of the new coalition to international development and in particular to partnership work as reported in a press release from the new Secretary of State, Andrew

### Education

READ International  
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### Health

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Environmental Health

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Mitchell in which it is stated “A new £5m fund will enable British Health professionals to share their skills with birth attendants, nurses and doctors in developing countries....” “Up to 50 international partnerships will be established between the NHS and UK institutions....and developing countries’ health systems”.

Having held two meetings to promote partnerships with Andrew Mitchell while he was in opposition we feel we can take some credit for this recognition of their importance although there is a need for the recognition of the role that these can play in professional, community health and institutional development here in UK. We hope to hold a meeting with the Secretary of State in the near future to explore the role of other community-based partnerships.

### **The APPG “Connecting Communities”**

Now that the dust has settled post election, we are working hard to get the all party parliamentary group reinstated with a new Chair at the helm, following the standing down of our previous Chair, Nigel Griffiths MP.

### **Developments in BUILD**

There have been two major developments during the past six months.

1. **The end of the first year of the study into “Bringing the World into Church Schools”** funded by the Jerusalem Trust and carried out for us by Stephen Lyon, one time Secretary of Partnerships for World Mission and Andrew Watts. We held an important consultation meeting at Church House chaired by Nick McKemy, Head of School Improvement/ Deputy General Secretary National Society responsible for promoting the distinctiveness and effectiveness of Church of England schools and academies.

The meeting included many of those who were consulted during the year and representatives of DFID, DCSF and the Jerusalem Trust and the report was “tweaked”, approved and subsequently published.

It has been sent to all Bishops in the Anglican Church and all Diocesan Directors of Education and the Education Division of the Methodist Church with warm approval. The final report has been discussed with the Jerusalem Trust and we now move into the second year taking forward the recommendations from year one and in particular consulting the Roman Catholic Church.

The recommendations include the need for

- accessible information for schools through a database of key organisations and web based information
- regional consultations with clusters of dioceses
- the development of local support for schools developing partnerships and in particular addressing the issue of sustainability of school partnerships

We are very grateful to the Jerusalem Trust and to Stephen and Andrew for their support and work.

2. **We heard that we had been awarded a grant by the John Paul Getty Trust** to build on partnerships between diaspora organisations in UK with their home communities. This was a great fillip and we have already held a meeting, thanks to British Council, with 20 key organisations to explore how this programme might be taken forward and to gauge the level of interest.

We were delighted with the response from participants and the level of enthusiasm which gave us the affirmation to take this forward with confidence that we will be able to deliver. The next steps will be to appoint a part-time programme manager and an advisory group and to develop a clear strategy and programme of regional consultations. We see these consultations as including leaders of local diaspora groups, local authorities, DECs, community groups that may already be involved in global partnership work and other support organisations.

## **Working with the Commonwealth.**

As a Commonwealth accredited organisation we have had two recent opportunities to work within a Commonwealth context. Commonwealth Health Ministers met in Geneva in mid May and members of the health sector of BUILD prepared a paper pointing to the important role of health care partnerships across the Commonwealth in helping to meet the MDGs. We were able to get this circulated to the desks of individual Health Ministers in 10 different Commonwealth countries through our network of contacts. The Commonwealth Secretariat also circulated the paper to all attendees at the conference in Geneva.

Lord Crisp who was speaking at the Health Ministers' meeting kindly attended a BUILD meeting of health sector organisations in the House of Lords which was also attended by representatives of DFID and DH.

We were also able to introduce a member of BUILD, Transform Drug Policy Foundation to Mark Collins, Director of the Commonwealth Foundation and to Lord Crisp at the House of Lords meeting to introduce the possibility of a study into the impact of prohibition, as against the decriminalisation of drugs in Commonwealth countries.

## **Working with Europe**

It is probably fair to say that community based partnerships between North and South are more embedded in UK (with 3500 schools, 100+ hospitals, 400 communities, innumerable faith based and diaspora groups) than in other parts of Europe. With this in mind we have brought together a consortium of agencies in Bulgaria, Estonia, Romania, Portugal and Norway to put in a bid to the European Union to promote, over three years, school partnerships in those countries with schools in West Africa.

We have been in communication with the Council of Europe's North South Centre in Lisbon and hope to work with them to roll out a programme of school partnerships across Europe based on the results of this project.

## Regional BUILDS

We have been very heartened by the enthusiasm of partners in West Africa, based on the two meetings we held in Yaoundé, Cameroon in 2008 and 2009 in collaboration with the Commonwealth Foundation. A West African strategy is being developed for the formation of country linking associations and for the formation of a regional BUILD.

We are pleased that we were able to take advantage of the visit by one of our trustees to Kenya to hold conversations with leaders of CSOs in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania about the potential for an East African BUILD.

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I value the opportunity to network through BUILD with colleagues from different organisations all of whom understand the immense value of sharing experiences with those from the global south. In our post UK election phase, it is fascinating discussing democracy and seeing our own system through the eyes of partners of Feed the Minds.

*Katy Newell-Jones, Feed the Minds*

Being part of BUILD enabled us at Hamilton Trust to meet a wide selection of like-minded people & organisations, who supported us and shared their knowledge and some useful resources when we were undertaking the production of Africa, one of our flagship topics for primary schools.

*Deidre Holes Hamilton Trust*

## EDUCATION

**READ International** are the proud winners of 'Best International Aid and Development Charity' in the Charity Awards 2010.

READ Director Rob Wilson said "This is huge for READ and shows genuinely prestigious recognition for all the amazing dedication and hard work our student volunteers put in to collecting, sorting, packing and distributing the hundreds of thousands of books we now deal with annually."

The last few months has been a busy time for our volunteers and the READ team who have been busy sorting and boxing up books ready for their journey towards East Africa. In May we shipped 280,000 books and this was the culmination of a great year for our university based Book Projects across the UK.

Think Global, our new series of interactive global citizenship presentations, delivered by our student volunteers to pupils from schools that have donated books, has also been really well received by teachers. A

teacher from Alcester High gave us feedback that she found it was a "really valuable addition to our Key Stage 3 Citizenship programme" and a teacher from The Marches School gave high praise to our volunteers who "led the workshop brilliantly".

We have also been receiving phenomenal feedback from the success of our 2008 and 2009 library refurbishments. In November we visited the library renovations at Saba Saba and Mtwara Ufundi Secondary Schools in Mtwara and Mkwakwane Secondary School in Tanga and all were extremely proud of their new libraries.

Before volunteers from Warwick University visited and renovated the first READ library in Saba Saba Secondary School, Mtwara region, it was never used by students. Our volunteers did an amazing job and our staff member in Tanzania has since reported great feedback - between February and October 2009, more than 100 students visited the library every day and 600 books were borrowed for reading at home. Excellent feedback; this summer we are

hoping to refurbish another 14 libraries so watch this space!

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## **SoundAffects – making it happen**

As a new charity, **SoundAffects** has been working hard to get the most from the learning experiences of its first two years. Our mission is to build an easily accessible and renewable sound archive that includes children in every continent, talking about every aspect of their lives as tomorrow's global citizens. And to marry tried and tested professional radio techniques with innovative IT solutions to make the SoundAffects recordings as useful in the classrooms of the South as they are in the classrooms of the North. As spring 2010 turns to summer, there's plenty of good news to report. First, a re-organization into two divisions, **SoundAffects Education**, focussing on enhancing the teaching of global citizenship in UK classrooms, and **SoundAffects Worldwide**, which will concentrate on developing links with teachers and schoolchildren in the South. Caroline Swinburne will head SoundAffects Education, and Penny Boreham will be

responsible for SoundAffects Worldwide. They will be backed up by a Development Director, responsible for fundraising across both divisions. Mick Delap, the new chair of trustees, is acting as interim Development Director.

The other good news is to announce the launch of our first major development education product. This comes from SoundAffects Education, which is concentrating on providing schools in the UK with professionally recorded topics in which children in Ghana, South Africa and Sri Lanka talk about the issues and day-to-day events in their lives. The audio has been organised into lesson topics that will enhance the UK's global citizenship curriculum at Key Stages 1, 2 and 3. It will also be appropriate for the IB global citizenship curriculum taught in International Schools. In an innovative collaboration between radio, IT and education professionals, an initial ten topics will be available for sale on the web from June 2010 (see [www.soundaffects.org.uk](http://www.soundaffects.org.uk)). The target is for SoundAffects Education to gradually become self funding over the next three years, with any eventual profits going to sustain the work of SoundAffects

Worldwide in the classrooms of the South. Once the initial ten SoundAffects Education topics are launched, we are keen to explore partnerships with already established organizations, in and outside BUILD, in supporting and extending our linking work in UK schools.

Meanwhile, SoundAffects Worldwide will step up its search to identify projects and partnerships in the South (there is already useful collaboration with The Sabre Trust, and SoundAffects Worldwide is keen to establish more such links).

All of this has been achieved with highly professional, but largely volunteer effort. If SoundAffects is to survive, we urgently need start up funding to support and extend SoundAffects Education's UK offer, and project funding as SoundAffects Worldwide expands its activities in the South. The search for secure funding is now our immediate priority.

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## **Our work in international partnerships**

At **Hamilton Trust** we have developed a new cross-curricular Topic for primary schools based on Africa. The rights of children all over the world are discussed with particular examples from various parts of Africa and children are encouraged to consider how well their rights are met in the UK and compare this to children in Africa. The nine topic themes are: Land of Diversity, Children's Rights and the Millennium Development Goals, Water for All, Health, Mandela, African Art, Food & Trade, World Cup 2010 and School to School Links. We enable children to learn about Africa – a conventional 'topic' approach, learn through Africa – hold up a mirror to ourselves...and learn from Africa – what can Africa (African children) teach us?

The linking section encourages schools to make links with African schools and offers advice and resources for doing so. The UKOWLA Toolkit is suggested as a starting point for schools and we also use the SoundAffects recordings. Activities that teachers can undertake with their children in co-operation with their partner schools are provided as well as ideas to help with

developing a link and preparing children for their partnership.

This Topic is published online at [www.hamilton-trust.org.uk](http://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk) and is free to all registered users of our site. It has been very well received by teachers.

We are currently planning some Literacy Units to run alongside this flagship topic.

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## **Cambridge Education Foundation, Mott MacDonald: pro-bono project in Ghana**

Cambridge Education Foundation, the not-for-profit arm of Mott MacDonald, is involved in a wide range of activities. It is one of the consortium partners, with the British Council, UKOWLA (UK One World Linking Association) and VSO, which manages UKaid's Global School Partnerships. This programme links schools in the UK to schools in Asia, South America, Africa and the Caribbean.

The Foundation also has close ties with Incredible Edible, Todmorden,

<http://www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk/>. This is an initiative that aims to increase the amount of local food grown and eaten in the town. Businesses, schools, farmers and the community are all involved. Vegetables and fruit are springing up everywhere. Public flower beds are being transformed into community herb gardens and vegetable patches.

Other Foundation activities include developing a long-term mutually beneficial partnership with a community outside Accra, Ghana. This was a new venture launched by the Foundation in October 2006. A cadre of highly experienced professionals, who were close to retirement or who were willing to work pro bono, were invited to a conference to discuss 'Opportunities for Change'. The main initiative to emerge from this conference was one to establish a reciprocal partnership with a community in Ghana. A community, on the outskirts of Accra, on the road towards the Akosombo dam, was keen for us to develop this initiative with them. The intention is to enable younger members of the Mott MacDonald's permanent staff to work in the community in Ghana. The chief of the community gave

the Foundation a beautiful plot of land. The Foundation gave the land back to the community and promised to build a training school on it with their help. Currently Bristol Engineers for Overseas Development is planning to build the school with help of Mott MacDonald's staff from different units including HNE. A recent visit to the UK by Ghanaian members of the partnership enabled the further development of the initiative.

The Foundation is also partnered with Centrul Educatia 2000+, which is the charity associated with Mott MacDonald's Romanian enterprise, Education 2000+

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## FAITH

### **“Bringing the World into Church Schools”**

Readers of this newsletter will know that this project has been underway just over 12 months. Its purpose is to identify good practice of linking within Church schools and articulate the challenges they present. The end of Year 1 report is now available via the BUILD website.

Year 2 of the project will seek to draw on the experiences of the Roman Catholic schools in this area and take the findings of Year 1 around the country through up to five regional meetings. What we have

encountered so far is great enthusiasm for finding appropriate ways to deliver the global citizenship agenda in school. For many, the thought of doing that through a school-to-school link is both exciting yet daunting. The big issue - it seems to us - is the question of sustainability. If we can address that one then many of the other challenges - communication, finance, embedding it in the life of the school - begin to be answered in this larger overarching question.

What is also clear is that the experience and resources any of us need for successful and appropriate linking are not

found in one place. Many schools sadly knew little of other invaluable resources that they could access at little or no extra cost to themselves. So the aim of the Year 2 meetings must also be to widen horizons

by publicising what is already 'out there' for schools to access.

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## COMMUNITY

### **Producer Fair Trade Towns' and North – South community links**

Garstang recently celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the world's first Fairtrade Town and with over 800 Fair Trade Towns in 19 countries this was a truly international celebration. More than 50 congratulatory messages were received from right across the globe, as well as live video messages from Garstang's linked community of New Koforidua in Ghana and Media, America's first Fair Trade Town.

For a long time Garstang has inspired the development and spread of Fair Trade Towns in 'Consumer countries' such as the

USA and Japan. Now however, 'Producer communities' in Brazil, Costa Rica, Ghana and Nigeria are coming on board. But even though the Fairtrade benefits to a Producer

One of the primary aims written into the Garstang and New Koforidua Partnership Agreement is, "to promote mainstream fair trade and highlight the terrible suffering endured by many due to the present unfair rules of trade and the fact that many small farmers across the world do not get a fair price for their produce". One visitor from New Koforidua can do more to promote Fairtrade in Garstang and beyond than the whole Garstang Fairtrade Steering Group can do in a year.

It seems that Producers do not wish to remain solely as beneficiaries of Fairtrade, but also want to be part of the campaign that promotes it. That is why the New Koforidua Linking Committee has adapted the five Fairtrade Town Goals to include promoting Fairtrade through a North-South link; thereby enabling New Koforidua to become a Fairtrade Town in a country

without a Fairtrade label. The present work to develop a West African BUILD may prove significant if this model was to be replicated across this corner of the continent.

It is important to recognize that the vision in New Koforidua is to use their status as a Fairtrade Town in order to promote Fairtrade in Ghana, in the hope and expectation that a Fairtrade label can one day be applied to products in their country. Ambitious perhaps, but then no more so than the original vision in Garstang to use Fairtrade Towns to help promote the FAIRTRADE Mark in the UK and beyond.

**Five Goals for a 'Producer Fair Trade Town' proposed  
by the New Koforidua and Garstang  
Linking Association in Ghana**

1. There is a community link with a Fairtrade Town in a country where the FAIRTRADE mark is in existence. (Note: There should be a Partnership Agreement that has been recognised by the Local Authority in the Southern community)
2. Members of a cooperative that sells into the Fairtrade market are resident in the community. (Note: The community does not have to directly benefit from the social premium)
3. Fairtrade and the FAIRTRADE mark is promoted throughout the schools, faith communities and other community organisations in the Town. (Note: A survey could be conducted to show recognition of the FAIRTRADE mark in that community)
4. The community takes part in campaigning events, attracting media coverage where appropriate to promote Fairtrade and Trade Justice.
5. A local Fairtrade group is set up to ensure continued promotion of Fairtrade in the community. (Note this could be affiliated with or the same as the group coordinating the community link).

*Bruce Crowther*

Further information on:

Fairtrade Towns at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)

International Fairtrade Towns at

[www.fairtradetowns.org](http://www.fairtradetowns.org)

The Garstang and New Koforidua link at

[www.garstangfairtrade.org.uk](http://www.garstangfairtrade.org.uk)

or in all cases contact Bruce Crowther,

Fairtrade Towns Advisor tel: 01995 601258.

## UKOWLA

As we celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> year UKOWLA, is maintaining a high level of activity and developing its work in what appears to be, from time to time, a less sympathetic environment than we have been used to. Fortunately, our strategic link with GLADE is working well and there have been mutual benefits as a result, particularly in the ongoing development of our Strategic Plan for the period up to 2013 and in reviewing our programme and working methods. We have had success in engaging the expertise of our membership more actively in the delivery of our objectives day to day and we are also moving towards achieving our long held ambition better to serve our members in the regions. At the same time we are seeking by various means to make our operations more sustainable and less vulnerable to changes in funding as Government economies and changes of policy begin to bite.

These processes should result in updated and more effective services for our membership and continuing support for the organisations we work with at local and strategic levels. In particular, we are currently improving the website

[www.ukowla.org.uk](http://www.ukowla.org.uk) to make it more user-friendly and interactive as a better vehicle for member interchanges and consultation and to offer opportunities for members to upload details of their local events. In addition we are also preparing the "Toolkit" for accessibility through the website in response to demand arising from events we run.

Within the Global School Partnership programme we have an extensive series of seminars around the country about 'Expanding Communities into Schools' and 'Involving Communities' and recently held a successful conference in Birmingham for Special Needs Schools. In addition a number of 'Country Conferences' are planned as follows: July 10/11 2010 Nigeria (Birmingham), October 2/3 Sri Lanka (Belfast), January 15/16 2011 Bangladesh (Llandidrod Wells), March 19/20 Rwanda (Coatbridge), May 7/8 The Caribbean (Birmingham).

The country series of conferences (and our experience and contacts) puts us in a good position to fulfil our offer to become actively engaged in BUILD's proposals for work with the diaspora.

We are marking our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special edition of the OWL (for the uninitiated 'One World Linking' is our newsletter) to be published in the Autumn and we also plan to hold at least one special event. Our national conference and AGM will this year be held in a school: Pershore High School, in Worcestershire on 16 and 17 October. More details will be available shortly from [info@ukowla.org.uk](mailto:info@ukowla.org.uk)

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**FK-Norway** has during the last year been through a large and comprehensive strategy and reorganisation process. This process has been initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is related to a desire to streamline the Norwegian instruments in efforts directed towards the South. It is signaled that the entire process should be completed before 1 July, but it is likely that individual elements of the work will be completed later.

Work that FK-Norway has aimed at local communities and local politicians in Norway will, from the signals to a greater extent, be targeted in communities where partnerships oriented towards the South are all supported by us. This means that efforts to create new activity, enthusiasm and commitment to the South, to a lesser extent will be a part of our strategy. In the communities where we are supporting local partnerships; it should also be focused more in line with general Norwegian development policy. The political priorities are for the moment health, industrial development, climate and environment, good governance (including the rights of women, gender and equality) and also culture and sport. FK-Norway hopes that this will make facilitation of local partnerships even better and with more focus on creating results.

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## HEALTH

**LifeLine Network** has seen some significant developments over the past few months. Zimbabwean partner FrontLine has completed the second year of its pilot programme of intensive mentoring for sibling-headed households in partnership with The Big Lottery Fund. Many of the beneficiaries are reaping the benefits of the support and training they have received, with several of them now in permanent employment or able to generate income for their households through sustainable agricultural projects. LifeLine will be holding a Round Table event in June for practitioners and researchers in the field to look at best practice and develop sustainable solutions to the problems faced by sibling-headed households.

Over the past few months, Network partners in Sierra Leone have been running a sports entertainment bar for the local community, who they charge to come and watch premiership matches projected on a big screen. Having taken out a start up loan from the Network, these young men are

now making profit from the venture and have been able to pay back the loan in full.

At the end of May, three representatives from LifeLine Network in the UK visited Sierra Leone to meet with these partners and offer support in starting further successful business ventures.

A group of ten from the UK visited Ukraine at the beginning of May to take part in community projects being run by Network partners Today's Family. The group spent time in several orphanages and foster homes, and looked at how Today's Family can be supported by the Network to establish an agency which will enable local families to foster or adopt children from these orphanages. There are currently very limited foster care options in Ukraine, while international adoption is on the increase. Meetings were also held with the Directorate of Youth Affairs for the country and the Institute of Pedagogy at Kiev University. It is hoped that partnerships will be developed with both organisations through Today's Family.

Exchange visits have also taken place to Egypt and South Africa, with trips to Peru and the Caribbean planned for the summer period.

Supporters in the UK have raised money to invest in Network projects, with one a group of young people running a fundraising quiz night to support the businesses being developed in Sierra Leone. An employee of LifeLine in the UK was sponsored to complete the three peaks challenge alongside employees of JP Morgan bank, climbing the tallest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales in 48 hours.

LifeLine Network's new look website will be launched within the next few days. Check it out at [www.lifelinenetwork.org](http://www.lifelinenetwork.org).

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**World Child Cancer** is dedicated to improving cancer diagnosis and treatment for some of the world's poorest children. 80% of global childhood cancer occurs in

developing countries and two-thirds of this goes undiagnosed. Whilst 75% of children survive cancer in developed countries, for those who are diagnosed in low-income areas, survival rates are usually lower than 10%.

Traditionally global health policies have focused on malaria and infectious diseases; cancer in children has been a neglected issue for too long. Despite the fact that simple procedures can raise survival rates to above 50%, lack of local knowledge leaves many children without access to diagnosis or treatment.

Now World Child Cancer is working to reduce this gap by developing international twinning partnerships that transfer the expertise of specialists in resource-rich countries to teaching hospitals in areas where survival-rates are low. Based on the model developed by St Jude Children's Research Hospital, World Child Cancer has developed operations in Malawi, Colombia, Mexico and the Philippines with four new projects in development in Mozambique, Ghana, Namibia and Nepal.



*World Child Cancers project in Malawi*

Whilst World Child Cancer provides seed-funding of £30,000 to £40,000 p.a. for the first 5 years of each partnership, *sustainability* is key to the long term success of each project. In each partnership, the project leader is trained to identify long-term funding sources in order to create this self sustainability. The project in Ghana is a fantastic example. With a population of over 23 million, Ghana has only two hospitals that treat child cancers, and survival rates are lower than 10%. Twinned with the Royal Sick Children's Hospital in Edinburgh, World Child Cancer is working with the Ghanaian government to secure the funding needed to create long-term sustainability of treatment in their country in order to significantly raise their survival rate.

Relatively small levels of funding can make a significant impact. For just £30,000, World Child Cancer can fund the total cost of a twinning partnership in Malawi, providing treatment for 160 children and training for doctors and nurses for a whole year. It is sobering to think that so many young lives can be treated for so little when the cost of treatment for one child in the USA averages £300,000.

In the Philippines, where an estimated population of 88 million is spread over an archipelago of over 7,000 islands, access to treatment has been the partnership's biggest battle. On the southern island of Mindanao almost 80% of patients live outside Davao City, where the health centre is based, leaving the completion-rate of treatment as low as 30%. Through the establishment of satellite treatment-centres and awareness campaigns, this partnership is working to reduce the number of children diagnosed at an advanced stage and increase the number of children who complete the full course of treatment.

BUILD believes that 'no one can go through life without at some point being touched by an international, cross-cultural partnership'.

World Child Cancer creates international partnerships, sharing medical knowledge and best practice with the areas that need it most.

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Both individually and on behalf of the **Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)** we have been very busy during the first 4 months of 2010

I was unable to attend the most recent BUILD meeting arranged with Lord Crisp prior to the excellent BUILD Paper presented to the Commonwealth Health Ministers meeting. But I was represented by a CIEH Trustee and colleague who was pleased to see the workings of BUILD close up. Like me he has seen the worth of being a BUILD Member and will be encouraging the CIEH to become a Full Member of BUILD at our next meeting. I hope we can get that decision made and therefore get the full weight of my professional body to support our involvement with BUILD.

The CIEH has recently been asked to find professionals at very short notice to work internationally helping with a Cholera Outbreak in Papua New Guinea and someone to advise on Food Safety in Botswana. This highlighted the need; we have known of for sometime, that we require a database of skilled professionals ready to travel at short notice when emergencies arise. I am pleased to inform you that working closely with RedR, who provide Specialist Training & Support for Aid Workers Worldwide, we were able to provide one days training for Members interested in working internationally. Although humble beginnings it is hoped that this partnership, growing database of interested professionals and links with our International colleagues will mean we are ready to meet any requests for help that may arise in the future.

*As I advised you in a previous newsletter the CIEH has been involved with the hosting of several Commonwealth Fellows from our EH colleagues in African countries. I can confirm that we have now made applications for Uganda, Kenya, Zambia and Jamaica, the latter having*

*strong links with our London members; we wait with anticipation for the decisions.*

With the exciting launch of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of IHLS Grants by THET and the British Council I can advise that the CIEH North West Region was successful with its application to further its link with the Zambian Institute of Environmental Health. Although not successful during the 1<sup>st</sup> round of applications, I am hoping that my recent 2<sup>nd</sup> application in partnership with Ugandan Environmental Health Workers will be successful.

The two Charities I am personally involved with have been coping well during the

recent recession with an upturn in funding and donations. They have been able to make further grants for assisting the hospital in Iganga, Uganda and provide clean water to rural communities in Zambia, Tanzania, Rwanda and Uganda. I look forward to leading a further group of interested people and volunteers to Uganda during 3 weeks in July. We have also been involved with Global School visits and welcomed Ugandan teachers to the East Midlands recently.

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## YOUTH

### **The Commonwealth Youth**

**Exchange Council (CYEC)** is a youth development charity working to enable young people to become global citizens through sharing lives, developing friendships, exchanging ideas and working together.

CYEC's main objectives are the

promotion of Commonwealth and international understanding. CYEC works to further these objectives through:

- Benefiting young people by supporting the development of locally managed, high quality exchange visits and programmes that promote skills for active global citizenship and intercultural understanding

- Supporting youth-led development activities and networks that promote interchange, skill sharing and young people's voices in the Commonwealth
- Raising awareness of the Commonwealth, especially among young people

Demographics dictate that it is crucial that young people are recognised as key stakeholders in the future of the Commonwealth and, of course, are crucial partners in development and linking. All CYEC's programmes are modelled on, and informed by, the key principle of youth participation. Activities are designed 'by and with' young adults as opposed to 'for' young people.

CYEC has two main programme areas - two way group exchanges linking UK young people in local communities with their peers across the Commonwealth and the development of Pan Commonwealth initiatives supporting young adults as active citizens contributing to development in their communities and across the Commonwealth network.

Over the last year CYEC has supported over 1800 young adults linking and

networking with counterparts across the Commonwealth. 1200 young people took part in 56 two way group exchanges involving 20 countries and a further 600 took part in the Commonwealth Youth Forum which was held at the same time as the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Port of Spain in November 2009. We recently published the Commonwealth Youth Forum report/communiqué 'Invest in Youth, Sustain the World'. CYEC also led on the delivery of Debate to Action (a British Council and World Bank MDG's youth awareness and action project) in Wales, and a digital skills project with Guyana. CYEC's Youth Action Group has helped develop a new CYEC website, co-ordinated the programme for CYEC's Annual Forum and co-ordinated a 'Young People and the Commonwealth' event for young people to mark Commonwealth Day. CYEC is an active member of a number of development education, linking and global youth work networks including the DFID Civil Society Youth Network.

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