

Welcome to our quick report on 2019-2020 - we hope you enjoy reading about what we've been up to. For more details please see our full Annual Report or visit our website at [www.globalcentredevon.org.uk](http://www.globalcentredevon.org.uk).

### Telling Our Stories, Finding Our Roots. Devon's Multi-Cultural History'

Staff and volunteers have been researching the **stories of recent and not so recent migrants in Bideford, Okehampton and Tiverton**. They have discovered the stories of refugees, ex slaves, entrepreneurs, farm workers, entertainers and soldiers from the past as well as recording oral stories from residents today. The project had to be put on hold from March until August but resumed in the autumn and held exhibitions and events.

<https://www.tellingourstoriesdevon.org.uk/>

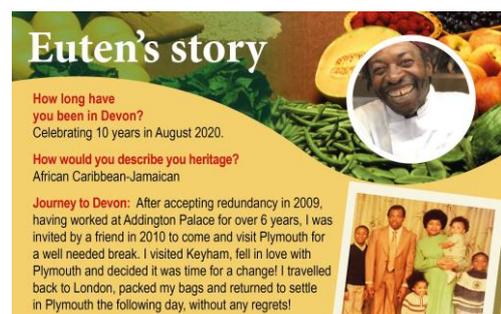


### Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning, Global Teachers Award

The programme successfully engaged 12 schools from Devon and Cornwall this year. The schools have been awarded grants for **reciprocal visits or virtual linking** with countries all over the world.

Visits are on hold due to the pandemic, but the schools continue to build relationships with children and staff overseas.

**Celebrating Windrush in Devon** A successful Windrush Day event for 2020 took place online on 22<sup>nd</sup> June, with a Caribbean cook-along, story-telling, pithy sayings in Jamaican dialect and finishing with a DJ set from Somatic.



### A change of Coordinator

During the year Sue Errington moved on from her role as Coordinator, with Lorraine Cummings taking over in January 2020. Sue led DDE from its start in 1997, and her contribution to its work has been enormous – the trustees are very grateful for the unstinting time and energy she has poured into the work of DDE and the ideas and expertise she has contributed. We are pleased to say that Sue is still very active in many DDE projects and in fundraising.



## Food for Thought School Linking Programme

- The British Council provided **training for head teachers and classroom teachers** for 30 schools in Uganda in August 2019.
- 7 schools in Kernow Multi-Academy Trust **visited their link schools** in Tororo District over February half term.
- 5 teachers in Uganda have been **trained to teach reading using phonics**.



Coronavirus restrictions have limited activities since March, but we are ready to restart all these activities when conditions allow. In the meantime we have raised over £8000 to **help families in Uganda who are not getting school meals** during lockdown, with food delivered directly to families in need.



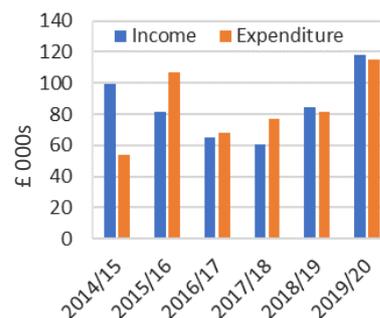
**Fairtrade Devon** held conferences in 7 schools, with Sarah Ahemah and Ernest Boateng from Kuapa Kokoo Co-op in Ghana. All the schools taking part were given a tree whip to take back and plant, as a major action against climate change. There are currently 12 Fairtrade Towns in Devon and Torbay, with 3 more moving towards the status.

The **Community programme** of events and talks continued throughout the year. Lockdown led to a few cancellations, but we were soon back with a weekly newsletter and a programme of online events, which is continuing in 2021.



## Financial summary

Our income continues to be reasonably stable, but costs are rising and in early 2020 the trustees became concerned about whether we had sustainable funding. An appeal to supporters and a continuing effort to source grant funding is beginning to make us more resilient. We extend our thanks to the many people who responded to our appeal or made donations at other times.



## Coming up next year...

- **'Telling Our Stories, Finding Our Roots. Devon's Multi-Cultural History'** will finish with new self-guided walks and resources for schools.
- The **Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning** Programme is extended until Dec 2021, giving more Devon schools training and linking opportunities.
- We have a new strand of work producing educational resources and activities inspired by the **Black Lives Matter** movement.

*We will continue to develop and adapt as the coronavirus pandemic continues, whether online or in person. We hope in-person events will be able to resume before too long.*