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DDE News from the past 6 months. An appeal for funds. Planning for the future.

The last 6 months of the Covid-19 pandemic have continued to be very difficult and challenging for us all, but at DDE, we adapted and were able to continue almost all of our usual activities and projects – but all on line! Some staff were furloughed, but now we are back with an exciting programme of events and activities for this term.

Thank you for your support.

We really appreciate your one off and regular donations.

Your contributions have helped with core funding so that we've been able to concentrate on:

- **Delivering anti- racism sessions in schools and the community**
- **Leading training on Global Citizenship for Teachers**
- **Applying for funding for important projects**
- **Training our facilitators on Restorative Justice**
- **Fundraising for families in Uganda and St Vincent**

Could you help regularly?

A monthly standing order helps us with regular income, puts the charity on a firmer footing, and helps us create more projects, educating more people. Here's how to do it:

Use sort code: **08-92-99** (at The Co-operative Bank)

Account: **65173134**

Our name: Devon Development Education RC 1102233

Please include your name - or email us to tell us about your donation.

Please let us know if you're a taxpayer. We'll send you a Gift Aid form so your donation goes even further.

Or, you can donate via the DDE website using **Virgin Money Giving** <https://bit.ly/3tmuQ7P>

Thank you

We continue to fundraise for project work. Here's an update of DDE projects making a difference:

Telling Our Stories, Finding Our Roots, in Devon (TOSFOR)

We completed this project, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, at the end of March – so now the resources are all ready to be used! The Self-Guided Walking Tour booklets of Bideford, Okehampton and Tiverton will be available, free, from the town museums and Tourist Information Centres – once these re-open! Meanwhile the guides can be downloaded from the website www.tellingourstoriesdevon.org.uk

The schools resources are also now available for free downloads from the website. Aimed at upper primary and lower secondary school pupils. They include six independent activities, developed from stories uncovered by the project. Through these pupils can learn more about Devon's diverse and multicultural history.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2021.

We celebrated Fairtrade Fortnight by holding coffee mornings, on line! Altogether 15 were held with average of 19 people attending each. We also ran 2 teacher training workshops and 2 in-school, on line, workshops with pupils. These had to replace our usual schools conferences. We were able to link up with Veronica Browne, Fairtrade banana farmer in St Vincent, who visited us in 2018. Veronica sent us video clip which we were able to incorporate into the presentations. Our three interns, Corin, Fleur and Toby, worked with Devon's Fairtrade towns to assist them in promoting their activities – and also the coffee mornings.

Sadly, Veronica's Fairtrade banana plantation has been destroyed by the on-going volcanic eruption on St Vincent. We have launched an appeal to help the 25 families in her co-op, with food and water.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StVincent>



Devon Diversity Consultancy project.

A major new initiative is DDE's Devon Diversity Consultancy. This aims to create a team of consultants who will devise and deliver diversity training to various organisations and institutions in Devon. This reflects needs identified by the Black Lives Matter movement and is still being developed. Safe space workshops for People of Colour are proving very beneficial. Youth Cultural Champions work in three secondary schools is also now restarting, plus some Restorative Justice work. Cultural Champions work has been very quiet recently due to the pandemic, but we hope that will now change.

Food For Thought School Linking programme.

This has been a busy time for our colleagues in Uganda. Thanks to your generous donations of over £3000, Beatrice and Godfrey were able to provide Re-Starter Kits and training to 90 families. Often the training sessions worked with 2 or 3 generations in a family, including school children, as schools have not fully re-opened.

At the Easter meeting of head teachers in Tororo, they decided they wanted some phonics training for their early years' teachers. This had been planned for April 2020, but had to be postponed. Training was quickly arranged with 2 trainers coming from 'Read for Life' NGO in Gulu city. 15 schools sent 3 teachers each for the 3 days' residential training. We hope that using phonics will improve reading skills of the pupils. There will be more training. We will purchase some reading books in Uganda but also send children's story books from Devon.

Global Teachers' Award and Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning (CCGL)

Teachers have continued to request Professional Development training during the pandemic. We have moved the popular Global teachers Award online which has the advantage of bringing Devon teachers in touch with their colleagues across England. The result has been some inspiring classroom practise and reflections. Schools connected through the British Council CCGL programme are also booking our online expertise for twilight sessions after school. DDE continues to support teachers through this process as well as linking them with schools in Uganda.

Celebrating Windrush in Devon

Despite being very disappointed that our community events could not be held live, due to the pandemic, Celebrating Windrush in Devon has been a major success with some very important sessions taking place. Members of the Windrush group contributed to 4 Black History Month sessions (October 2020). Then the Global Centre programme for spring 2021 was entirely Caribbean and Windrush focussed. Recordings of the sessions are on the home page, www.globalcentredevon.org.uk. David Samuels presentation about UK civil rights and Faye Doris's on COVID, NHS and Windrush and BAME community were especially powerful.

We have applied for funding to continue this work. But even if we are not successful, we will celebrate Windrush Day, 22nd June, at Devon County Hall (and hold the cricket match in Exmouth in August).

<https://bit.ly/3dFNAHf>



Global Teachers Award

Food for Thought
Training in Sustainable Farming

Windrush Group with Devon's Windrush Flag

Global Centre Events

We continue to hold a wealth of regular event on line. Please follow the link for details. <https://bit.ly/2Hlh117>

If you would like to be added to our weekly newsletter contact Wendy at dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk

We hope to hold our Summer Party at the Community Centre for the first time in two years. Do come along and meet us all face to face on the evening of July 1st. We will be in touch with more details.

This has all been made possible through the security your support gives us at DDE. We really appreciate your kindness. Thank you to all our supporters and the paid and unpaid staff, trustees and associates that continue to work hard to make DDE a success.

Best wishes,

Lorraine Cummings
DDE Coordinator

