



One World Centre welcomes new Patron

We are delighted that Adam Wood, Lieutenant Governor of the Isle of Man, has agreed to be our first Patron. Having worked in both International Development and the Diplomatic Service, he is ideally placed to support our work.

We look forward to working together to Use His Excellency's skills and knowledge to enhance our work.

Charity Challenge

On 7th October local charities working internationally assembled at St Andrew's Church, complete with imaginative displays. Sixth form students from the College and most of the secondary schools descended on the church to find out about the work of the charities. They were gathering information to enable them to choose which charity their group was going to choose to champion. By the end of the following week, sixteen teams of 4-6 students had applied to take part.



Each team is representing a different charity which is either Manx registered or has received funding from the Manx Overseas Aid Committee in the last year.



Film Nights

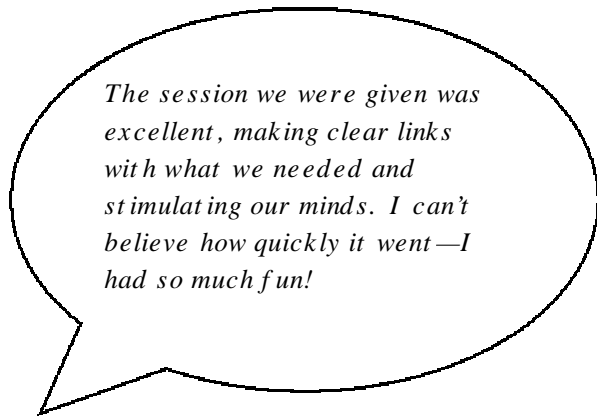
Independent Cinema is alive and well this winter! It takes place every other Friday at Java Lounge - 1930 for 2000. Next film:

4th November Last Train Home

Every spring, China's cities are plunged into chaos as 130 million migrant workers journey to their home villages for the New Year's holiday. This mass exodus is the world's largest human migration—an epic spectacle that reveals a country tragically caught between its rural past and industrial future. Working over several years filmmaker Lixin Fan (with the producers of the award-winning hit document-

ary *Up the Yangtze*) travels with one couple who have embarked on this annual trek for almost two decades. Like so many of China's rural poor, Changhua and Sugun Zhang left behind their two infant children for gruelling factory jobs. Their daughter Qin—now a restless and rebellious teenager—both bitterly resents their absence and longs for her own free way from school, much to the utter devastation of her parents. Emotionally engaging and starkly beautiful, *Last Train Home's* intimate observation of one fractured family sheds light on the human cost of China's ascendance as an economic superpower.

Continuing Professional Development



Teacher, Michael School

Whole days

Half days

Twilights

If you would like to learn more about the Global Dimension, we can offer sessions tailored to your needs.

What do we mean by the Global Dimension?

Global Teacher Award Level 1

School linking

At the OWC, St Johns

At your school

Christian Aid Visitor

Just before half term Yacouba Kone, who works in Mali and Senegal, spent two days on the Island. He was able to visit 5 schools and the College, as well as be interviewed on Manx Radio. His audiences were surprised to learn that many children didn't go to school because there was no water to drink! With temperatures of at least 40°C they cannot manage a day without a drink. Christian Aid is providing water for schools. Yacouba also talked about the different kinds of farming, and about the benefits of Fair Trade. He was prepared to talk in French to A-Level students and was even willing to use the Polish he had used as a student to engage with the Polish community – but we couldn't make contact with them!



Fair Trade Fortnight

We are delighted to announce that the Fair Trade Foundation is bringing a visitor, probably a Malian Cotton farmer, to the Island at the beginning of next year. This will help to raise awareness of our Fair Trade Island status, and the Fair Trade Group is planning a range of events to involve the visitor.

We would like to encourage schools to become involved in making bunting out of Fairly traded cotton, and hanging it outside between 27th February and 11th March. You can be as creative as you like with shape, size, length and pattern. We hope to be able to provide FT cotton at wholesale prices. If you submit pictures of your work, you could win the prize for the most imaginative entry! Full details from Rosemary Clarke on info@owciom.org

You might also like to use this time to raise awareness in other ways – please let us know what you are up to, and others might like to follow your lead!

Wiki

With a population of around 80,000, the Isle of Man has had a much greater impact on the world than could be expected. There are links to most countries in the world – through emigration, immigration, trade, sport, music and probably many other areas. We are about to launch a Wiki to enable people from across the world to upload stories of their connections with the Isle of Man, and for people here to upload their stories of links with other countries. This is the address:

http://wiki.oneworldcentreiom.org/index.php/Main_Page

If you would like to register as a user, please contact us at info@owciom.org