

Gwerin y Coed Application to the DfID Development Awareness Fund

Project name: **'Empowering a generation with global concerns' - Year 3**

Supporting young people who want to promote global citizenship and sustainable development with other young people in the setting of their choice.

Main organisation: Gwerin y Coed the Woodcraft Folk in Wales <i>a progressive educational movement for children and young people</i>	Address: Y Ganolfan Llanfrothen Gwynedd LL48 6LJ Tel/Fax: 0845 458 9560
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Gwerin y Coed's aim is to give children and young people the opportunities to develop self-confidence and activities in society, with the aim of building a world based on equality, peace, social justice, sustainability and co-operation. In its weekly group activities and its holiday camps, this peer education programme promoting the UN's Millennium Development Goals is playing an increasingly important part.	
Volunteers involved in project : 30 Staff involved in project: 2 part-time	

Partner organisation: WYFSD The Welsh Youth Forum on Sustainable Development Main Contact: Robin Crag chair of the Board The WYFSD is a youth forum run by and for young people in Wales. Its principal aims are to educate, empower and take action on sustainable development issues; raising awareness of the interdependent relationship of all countries, and the global impacts of local actions. This project has encouraged a different way of working within the Forum: a number of small teams of young people have prepared and delivered workshops on Trade Justice, HIV/Aids, Climate Change and conflict Resolution in schools and youth clubs and groups Volunteers involved in project - 40 Staff involved in project - 3	Partner organisation: Urdd Gobaith Cymru The Welsh League of Youth Main Contact: Manon Wyn Publicity Officer The Urdd aims to give all young people in Wales the opportunity, through the medium of the Welsh language, to develop fully their social and personal skills so that they can play a positive role in society For example: annually Urdd members broadcast a goodwill message to the young people of the world, the 2008 theme being Climate Change and how it effects the poorest people in the world. The Aelwyd at the Brynhyfryd school in Rhuthin is preparing the message with the area Urdd worker in support. Peer education workshops on this theme are the way their understanding of the issues is spreading amongst other young people. Volunteers involved in project - 25 Staff involved in project - 2	Partner organisation: Cymorth Cristnogol Christian Aid Main Contact: Branwen Niclas Youth Coordinator Wales Christian Aid has a key role in "raising development awareness so that actual and potential supporters think and act differently and contribute to the eradication of poverty" Staff involved in project - 2
Partner Organisation: CAFOD Catholic Agency for overseas Development Katja Jewell, North Wales Co-Coordinator 'Cafod believes that development is a process that empowers people and communities to fight poverty and injustice – and bring about change and transformation for themselves. We are accompaniers, supporting people to take control of their own lives and realise their potential. This means our approach to all our work, is based on partnership. Staff involved : 1 CAFOD		

Timescale: April 2008 – March 2009

Total cost of Project: £15,800

Sum sought from DFID: £10,000

We heard about the Development Awareness Fund Mini Grants Scheme through Cyfanfyd.

Main Aim: to support young people who want to promote global citizenship with other young people in an informal setting

The model of the way the project works

- key young people and key youth workers are identified and recruited into the project
- they then introduce the project to their peers and constituent young people and decide on the most appropriate way to use the project
- when they meet in area groups, a plan to develop the project is developed to suit the needs of the young people they are in contact with
- this has usually led to trying out individual peer led workshops first with smaller groups of young people and in so doing to build up groups of young people who are more confident
- the stage where young people are prepared to stand up in front of other young people offering training and support is dependant on experience, opportunity and 'right timing'

Objectives	How are they delivered (see model above)	Expected Results by March 2009
To continue to recruit, train and support young people to facilitate workshops on global topics in a way that interests the young people they are familiar with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • through training workshops for young people who want to facilitate workshops within their own age youth groups or with younger children • through training workshops for youth workers who want to support young people in this process • by employing sessional support workers who will co-ordinate the training and delivery of the workshops 	<p>A further 40 to 60 young people will have completed training and run workshops</p> <p>A further 10 to 15 youth workers / leaders receive training and go on to support young people as they deliver the workshops</p>
To continue to raise awareness of the links between global poverty, trade injustice, HIV/AIDS, climate change and conflict and to enable young people to respond effectively	So far in the project the young people involved have been keen to demonstrate the cross cutting links between these issues. Interactive, imaginative and often innovative methods of engagement are being used.	An estimated further 400 young people who have participated in these workshops. Based on year 1 and 2 experiences, 70% of young people in attendance decide to take some level of action in response to the issues raised
To strengthen and broaden the partnership between Gwerin y Coed, the WYFSD, the Urdd, Christian Aid and Cafod,	To continue meeting in partnership to review the way these organisations can continue to work effectively at a local and project level. To support each others events whenever possible. To represent each others interests in wider networking structures	Reflection and evaluation of the existing partnership it is hoped will lead to the consolidation of this project and the development of new ways of working together
To broaden the geographical outreach of the project even further to areas in south Wales, consolidating the work done in mid, north west and north east Wales	To employ sessional support workers who will follow up the interest in working in this way that has come from young people and youth workers in the following areas: Penarth, Swansea, Lampeter, Wrexham, Rhuthin, Caernarfon, Bangor, Trefor, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Penrhyndeudraeth, Machynlleth and Aberystwyth	A network of peer education teams that reach out to a wider spectrum of young people in varied parts of Wales. Young people meeting each other within this network will strengthen their commitment and enthusiasm
To build a partnership that widens the capacity to deliver this kind of training and support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff time from the partner organisations will be dedicated to this project • hours paid to new and existing sessional support workers will consolidate the capacity to deliver the project 	a partnership that will be the basis for similar co-operation in the future



Key activities	dates
a meeting of the steering group of young people and support workers to develop project in detail with key workers from the 5 main organisations. Confirm work programme for workers with time paid under this project	April 08
to continue to recruit, train and support young people to deliver workshops in their term time groupings	April – July 07
to recruit, train and support young people to deliver workshops at camps and summer projects	July and August 07
a larger event in mid Wales in bring together the young people who have been involved in the project from different parts of Wales to celebrate good practice and plan where to go next	Nov 08
a training seminar to share this peer education project with new young people and youth workers in a way that is self-sustaining	Feb 09
ongoing support for delivery of workshops at a local group level	throughout the year
review and evaluation	September 08 and March 09

Our target groups

Gwerin y Coed - young people & adult volunteers members from the Bangor, Bethesda, Penrhyndeudraeth, Lampeter, Penarth and Machynlleth areas. These are young people who are already active on issues of sustainability: Fair Trade, Trade Justice, the need for clean water in developing countries, peace and conflict and Climate Change. These young people are keen to gain the skills to share what they feel passionate about with their friends and younger children who know less or very little about the issues.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru – the engagement and recruitment of young people will be by the area development workers in 4 different areas, this will include at least one group in the north east, north west of Wales and probably one in the south. Main target groups will be Year 11+ who are either at School/Further Education or members of Urdd Aelwyd clubs which are community based groups. Through schools, young people can focus on individual school projects, empower the young people to deliver ideas, projects and workshops to Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils and/or delivery to Year 6 as an activity to promote and strengthen the links between primary/secondary schools. A community based Aelwyd can promote their project in the community and also to younger Urdd clubs, Adrannau in the surrounding area.

WYFSD

The Welsh Youth Forum on Sustainable Development uses peer education as central to the whole way it operates. From the outset it has seen sustainable development in global terms. Climate change is one of its main current projects again interpreted through workshops by young people for young people that focus on the effect global warming is having on some of the poorest countries around the globe. Seeing their peers in action, there is a demand for the skills to be able to run workshops that proliferates the messages that Forum members want to promote. The Forum will be opening up new work in the Swansea and Wrexham areas and will consolidate its work in Aberystwyth, Bangor and Trefor and Mold.

Forums, youth groups and Schools in the Wrexham area

The Wrexham Youth service has shown an interest to engage with the project's issues and already has a track record of peer education. We want to explore a partnership for the future

The evidence is there that this project is needed from:

We now have 18 months experience of this method of working

Young people

The young people who have already delivered workshops and the responses of those taking part in their workshops convince us of this need. From their experience, a process which is more under their control with the right kind of support empowers them both within the project and also in their wider lives.



Youth workers

To know how to support young people rather than to run activities on their behalf is a skill more and more people who work with young people are asking for. Many adults have expressed their lack of confidence to lead activities with a global dimension because of a lack of knowledge. This project offers the opportunity for adults not to have to be experts. WYFSD and Gwerin members are persistently influencing the way support workers define their roles.

Organisations

Discussions and co-operation with the Urdd has led to a commitment to find new ways of raising capacity to deliver global citizenship and sustainable development exploring new ways of working in partnership. The WYFSD sees this low-key peer led training programme as an essential part of its development plan. Gwerin as a small organisation has to work in partnership with larger organisations if its experience in developing this curriculum is to reach many more young people.

How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

The steering group will continue to include young people active in the project as well as representatives from the participating organisations. This group will implement a monitoring strategy that will involve consultation with and feed back from the young people receiving the training in the form of video interviews, written assessments at each stage in the project, photographs and articles for the newsletters and websites of the respective organisations.

Regular reports will be prepared detailing outcomes achieved (e.g. numbers attending events etc.), and how this relates to the budget and staff time. These will be discussed at the steering group level and then sent to all funding and management bodies.

How this project will promote the Aims of the DfID Development Awareness Fund

This project will ensure that the young people who receive this training and pass on what they have learnt to their peers, will understand

- what are the United Nations Millennium Goals
- in particular how fairer trade between rich and poorer countries can contribute towards the reduction of poverty
- how development projects work in countries like India where HIV /AIDS is being tackled through education awareness programmes,
- and how when basic needs are met in terms e.g. of clean water and of the security that comes from good governance, then countries are more likely to be able to develop without conflict

How this project will contribute to challenging stereotypes and discrimination

Gwerin y Coed, the Woodcraft Folk in Wales has a history of opposing discrimination of all kinds, something that will be built upon in this project. This commitment to challenge stereotypes and discrimination is also shared by the all the other organisations involved. The resources used in the workshops will be carefully chosen to give a view of people in other parts of the world that is based on equality and partnership.

How the principles of equal opportunities will be embedded into delivery of the project

Please refer to Gwerin y Coed's Equal Opportunities Policy attached which explains in detail how awareness of what equal opportunities is all about, can be achieved through creating the right environment and attitudes through training, and adoption of basic attitudes. This policy will be shared with all participants of the courses.

The way young people and support workers are recruited is governed by the principle of equal opportunity.

How will the benefits of the project continue to have an impact after our grant ends?

Young people will continue to use the knowledge and skills they have gained for action and peer education on development issues. The inter-organisational links built will provide a stronger framework for ongoing work in these areas. An evaluation of this scheme will then be submitted to the Global Youth Work Strategy group within Cyfanfyd and also to the Forums that are promoting the Enabling Effective Support strategy. It is hoped that this project will form the basis of an expanded programme which will enable young people across all of Wales to get involved in years to come.



BUDGET 08-09

	DfID mini grant	Total project cost	
Cost of employing sessional workers to give support to young people and youth workers	£7000 in total - Gwerin : £3000 = 4.2 hours a week for a year WYFSD - £2000 = 2.8 hours a week for a year Urdd - £2000 = 2.8 hours a week for a year	£10500 in total - Gwerin - £4,500 = 6.3 hours a week for a year WYFSD - £3000 = 4.2 hours a week for a year Urdd - £3000 = 4.2 hours a week for a year 50% extra funding sought from the Lottery, the Welsh Assembly: its Climate Change Division and Panel for Global Citizenship and Sustainable Development, Cafod and Christian Aid	
steering group's expenses	£200	£300	for face to face and telephone conferences
publicity both before project and for actual sessions delivered	£300	£450	2 bi-lingual leaflets produced and printed
resources/ videos and stationary to use to deliver and evaluate workshops	£500	£750	some resources can be shared and loaned to supplement those we need to buy
regular venue costs for training workshops plus one national day to celebrate and share good practice	£400	£600	hire of suitable community premises
travel and subsistence costs for participants attending training workshops	£1000	£1350	lunch and refreshments for training days @ £6 per head travel expenses at an average of £4 per person
administration costs to support all the arrangements made	£600	£900	contribution towards telephone, correspondence and other administrative tasks, 50% to Gwerin, 25% each to WYFSD and Urdd
costs of outside trainers		£1000	
totals	£10,000	£15,800	

We are applying to DfID for £10,000 and we will also be approaching the Lottery Fund, the WAG Panel for GC&SD, Christian Aid and Cafod to enhance the capacity of the project

Attached : Gwerin y Coed's Equal Opportunities Policy
Gwerin y Coed's last audited accounts
Gwerin y Coed's last Annual Report

