



Making global connections

# Bridges Bulletin

## Spring 2010

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

### Our Aim

Bridges is a Shropshire-based education organisation that aims to support an understanding of the diverse world and communities in which we live and the issues that affect us all. We work to empower people, individually and collectively, to take a full and active role as responsible global citizens.

### Through Your Eyes

The 'Through Your Eyes' project explores how where you come from and who you are affects the way you see the world. We will be working with community or youth groups for a series of sessions exploring well-being and poverty at home and around the world.

Groups will share learning with other participants through art forms such as drama, creative writing, photography or painting.

To find out more about joining this project email [nina@shropshirebridges.org.uk](mailto:nina@shropshirebridges.org.uk)

### Picturing Our World Exhibitions

Six Shropshire groups with overseas partners are busy preparing exhibitions of photographs and artwork- inspired by the MDGs.

An exhibition entitled "What education means to us", produced by Broseley school and their partners at the Conakry Refugee school in Guinea will be on show at Broseley Library for the month of January. If you would like an exhibition to come to a venue near you please contact Alison.

### MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOCUS

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### What are the Millennium Development Goals all about?

Imagine a world where extreme poverty and hunger have ended, where everyone can go to school and get healthcare when they need it and our environment is thriving. Global leaders have signed up to make this our world by 2015 and have set targets called the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to help make the changes needed. See below for Goals.

### Local Schools – Global Goals

Bridges has just launched a new project called the 'MDG Countdown' to help ensure the Millennium Development Goals are achieved. We are working with schools and community groups in Bishop's Castle, Oswestry and Telford & Wrekin to raise awareness of the goals and encourage people to take action.

If you'd like to bring the Millennium Development Goals into your community or classroom, please give us a ring on 01952 255526 and we can give advice, ideas and recommend useful resources.

### MDG Roadshows

We are launching 8 interactive exhibitions – one for each of the MDGs – to educate and inspire you!

#### Spring Roadshows

Join us to support Fairtrade Fortnight 2010 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Telford Town Centre and find out more at MDG One – Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.

Join us to celebrate International Women's Day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Telford Town Centre and find out more about MDG Three – Promote Gender Equality.

To host a road show contact Alison or Nina, on 01952 255526.

Fairtrade Fortnight  
22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010



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

If you would like one of our popular, effective Fairtrade workshops this Fairtrade Fortnight, please do book early. We offer workshops for KS1 & 2, as well as Citizenship sessions for KS3 & 4 and Curriculum Enhancement sessions for colleges. We also run CPD sessions on Fairtrade issues, with lots of practical ideas for the classroom and help in aiming towards Fairtrade School status.

**LAST CHANCE** to book a place on our Primary Fairtrade CPD session on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010, 9.30 – 12pm at Meeting Point House, Telford. Cost £68.

Email [admin@shropshirebridges.org.uk](mailto:admin@shropshirebridges.org.uk) for more details.

### Green Halloween - Another Global Village Success









Over 300 people enjoyed the October sunshine down at Canal Central in Maesbury Marsh on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Green Halloween event.

The aim of the event was to bring a global dimension to the community celebration, hence mixing environmental issues with Halloween at the same time as increasing community cohesion.

Janet Young, staying in the area said, "It's lovely to have an event with such a good community spirit – quite a magical day!"



Nina Cowley, new Bridges Community Cohesion Officer, helping out on the Smoothie Bike, courtesy of the Cycle Shrewsbury Group at Shropshire Council

<p><b>GOAL 1</b> ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER</p> 	<p><b>GOAL 2</b> ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION</p> 	<p><b>GOAL 3</b> PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER WOMEN</p> 	<p><b>GOAL 4</b> REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY</p> 	<p><b>GOAL 5</b> IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH</p> 	<p><b>GOAL 6</b> COMBAT HIV/AIDS, MALARIA AND OTHER DISEASES</p> 	<p><b>GOAL 7</b> ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY</p> 	<p><b>GOAL 8</b> DEVELOP A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT</p> 
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