



Bridges – making global connections



Bridges Community E-Bulletin

Making Global Connections in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin

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Welcome to Bridges e-bulletin. Please read on to find out more about our work and how you can get involved.

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1. Opportunities... opportunities from Bridges and others

Free Workshops for Fairtrade Campaigners

Bridges is holding two workshops to support local Fairtrade campaigners to work with schools:

Working with Schools

Wednesday 18th May - 7.30pm to 9.00pm

United Reformed Church, Shrewsbury

Achieve with Fairtrade

Wednesday 8th June – 9.00am to 12.00 noon

United Reformed Church, Shrewsbury

If you'd like to join one or both of these workshops please contact Davina Allen on Davina@shropshirebridges.org.uk or 01952 255526

Mothers Matter

There's still time to get involved in Bridges' Mothers Matter campaign. So far over 500 people have added their voice to the call for maternal health for all.

Download your free resource pack here: www.shropshirebridges.org.uk/resources.html

E-mail your MP with Oxfam here: www.oxfam.org.uk/mumsmatter

Buy a safe birth here: www.maternityworldwide.org/pages/mothers-day-2011.html

ASDAN Awards

Bridges is now registered as an ASDAN Centre. ASDAN (www.asdan.org.uk) offers flexible awards for learners with many different abilities. Bridges is developing delivery of ASDAN Short Courses through exploring global issues. If you'd like to take part please contact Nina on the details above.

Views from Shropshire Exhibition

Views from Shropshire is a fantastic exhibition celebrating and sharing the stories of people who have moved to Shropshire from other countries. The exhibition is available to hire for display in local venues and at events. [Click here](#) to view the exhibition. To book the exhibition please contact us.

2. Going global... campaigns with a global connection

Live Below the Line

Bridges staff will be joining thousands of people across the UK and living off just £1 a day for food and drink from 2nd to 6th May 2011. This is a chance to get a better understanding of the challenges faced by people living in extreme poverty, and to raise funds for anti-poverty initiatives. Find out how to join in at: www.livebelowtheline.org.uk.



Send My Sister To School

Help the 67 million kids who are missing out on an education by supporting the Send My Sister to school campaign in May and June. Visit the website for information and resources at www.sendmyfriend.org and get in touch with Bridges if you'd like any support in taking part.

Refugee Week – 20th – 26th June

Refugee Week celebrates the contributions refugees bring to the find out more at: www.refugeeweek.org.uk. Bridges staff have been incredibly moved and inspired by the stories shared by *Asylum Dialogues* a unique piece of theatre about the experiences of refugees in the UK. If you'd like to host a performance of the show, in refugee week or at any other time, then please contact Nina on the details above.

3. Come along to... local events

Africa United

A fantastic film, Africa United tells the story of three football mad Rwandan children and their journey to the opening ceremony of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Saturday 9th April - SpArC - Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AY

Tickets: Adult - £4.00 Child - £2.00
Time: 7.00pm
01588 630243

Saturday 16th April 2011 - Clun Memorial Hall, Clun, SY7 8NY

Tickets: Adult - £4.00 Child - £2.50
Time: 7.30pm
01588 640254



4. Shropshire's Been Busy... an update on Bridges activities in the area

Read Around the World

A huge thank you to local library staff in both Oswestry and Telford for taking their readers on a journey with Read Around the World.

A series of exhibitions, themed on different parts of the world using novels, cook books and travel books brought the world to local libraries in February and March.

Children's half-term activities went around the world too with dual language story sessions. Books were read in both English and another language by local residents who shared stories in Chinese, French and Polish.

If you'd like to get reading around the world, try some of these fantastic books:

- *Children's books*

The World came to My Place Today – Jo Readman & Ley Honor Roberts

Join George as he drinks orange juice from Spain, eats rice from China and sets sail for Africa in search of chocolate!

My World, Your World – Melanie Walsh

Meet children from all around the world and discover the similarities and differences in their lives. A beautifully bright picture book for young children.

- *Novels*

A Concise Chinese-English Dictionary for Lovers - Xialou Gou

An entertaining tale about a Chinese student struggling to learn English in London and makes sense of life so far from home.

The Map of Love – Ahdaf Soueif

Egypt in the early 1900's provides the setting for this mesmerising love story between British Anna and Egyptian Sharif.

5. About the e-bulletin

Bridges works with communities across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to raise awareness of global issues. The e-bulletin is to help keep you informed of global issues, campaigns and action in, Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin and the surrounding areas.

We would like to share what's happening with you, but if you would like to unsubscribe please email admin@shropshirebridges.org.uk with Unsubscribe in the subject line of your message.

Contribute to the e-bulletin

If you'd like to promote your events or activities in this e-bulletin we would love to hear from you. Just email a link or a short article, with any permitted photos you'd also like to share and we will add this to our next e-bulletin as appropriate.

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