

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

Fairtrade Fortnight – 28th February to 13th March

Get involved in a world record attempt for the longest ever string of bunting with this year's Fairtrade Fortnight - www.fairtrade.org.uk/show_off_your_label

LGBT History Month – February

LGBT History Month is an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the histories of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in Britain and Northern Ireland. Have a look at the website for information and resources: www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk

International Women's Day – 8th March

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day in 2011. Find out more about local and global events at www.internationalwomensday.com



The Godmothers – keeping UN Women on track

On New Year's Day UN Women, the new UN agency for gender equality and women's empowerment, started work.

UN Women has the potential to make a real difference to the lives of women and their families around the world. What it desperately needs is strong political and financial support from the international community.

UN Women is facing a funding shortfall of nearly \$300 million – over half of the initial budget recommended by member states.

The Godmothers is a group of men and women who are determined to ensure that UN Women isn't left to fail. By making sure UN Women gets the powers and funding it needs, we can make life better for millions of women worldwide.

Please sign up at www.thegodmothers.org.uk



Bridges can help...

For help and support with getting involved in any of the above events and activities please get in touch with Bridges we can offer:

- Talks and workshops
- Information and activity stands at your events
- Collaboration on projects and activities

We'd love to hear from you so please get in touch!

3. Come along to... local events

Africa United - screening this Saturday!

Please come and join us to watch Africa United - the story of three football mad Rwandan children and their journey to the opening ceremony of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Africa United (88mins, certificate 12A)

7.30 pm on 22nd January

Tickets £5 (£3 concessions/children under 16).

Family ticket £15 (2 adults and up to three children).

Holy Trinity Church, Meole Brace SY3 9HF

For details please visit Build IT International's [website](#).

See the Africa United official website – [here](#).

Please contact Build IT International on 01743 246317 for more information and for tickets.

East Africa Focus Meeting – 3rd February

Bridges' *Global Connections Network* is holding an East Africa Focus meeting on Thursday 3rd February from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, at Wellington Methodist Church, New Street, Wellington, TF1 1LU.

- An opportunity to bring together people and organisations with interests and links in East Africa. The participants will comprise schools, community groups and individuals.
- A chance to network and learn from each other – to help support, steer and strengthen links and to disseminate learning.

If you would like to come or would like to know more please contact Ali Thomas on 01952 255526 or email on alison@shropshirebridges.org.uk.

Reading around the World – February and March

Take a journey to India, Nigeria or another unusual destination with our upcoming display of books from around the world. Novels by authors living in many different countries will be on display for you to choose from at Oswestry Library in February and Telford & Wrekin Libraries in March.

Explore the world with fun children's activities at North Shropshire Libraries:

- Monday 21st February 11.00am to 12 noon at Oswestry Library
- Tuesday 22nd February 11.00am to 12 noon at Gobowen Library
- Tuesday 22nd February 2.00pm to 3.00pm at Ellesmere Library

Many thanks to both Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Libraries for their support with these events.

Census 2011

The Census is used by decision makers to plan services and to ensure that areas obtain the funding needed to support their population. Alistair Bates is the Census Area Manager for Shropshire and for Telford and Wrekin. He can provide help and support to ensure that everyone is able to complete their form. Contact him for more information about talks for groups, posters and general guidance on the Census. He can be contacted by e-mail at f102@census.gov.uk or by telephone on 07801 331358.

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

World Toilet Day – 19th November 2010

Pupils and parents and Norbury and Trefonen Primary Schools supported Water Aid's campaign to encourage DFID to keep supporting water and sanitation by signing our giant toilet petition (see picture right).



World AIDS Day – 1st December 2010

Students and staff at Telford College of Arts and Technology discussed the topic of "Does everyone have the right to treatment when they are sick?" and signed up to support the Stop AIDS Campaign in helping people in the world's poorest countries access medication for HIV and AIDS (see picture above).

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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