



# One World Centre

global justice and equality through education

## Annual Report

April 2022 - March 2023

Be the



you want to see

## Who we are

One World Centre is a Development Education Centre (DEC) for global and environmental issues. It was established as a charity in 1984 and covers Dundee, Angus, Fife, Perth and Kinross. We are part of a network of DECs across Scotland.

## Our values are...

### Global Justice

We believe in change towards a more socially just society, where the world's resources, wealth and power are more fairly distributed.

### Equality

We work towards a more equal society which values every individual's rights - celebrating diversity, promoting inclusion, and challenging discrimination.

### Sustainability

We aim to raise awareness and encourage action towards an environmentally sustainable future.

## We believe in Education

We consider Education to be the single most effective agent for long-term sustainable change. Learning is at the heart of everything we do.

## We work with teachers

We offer free Career-Long Professional Learning workshops which will:

- help you motivate children and young people in Learning for Sustainability
- bring an exciting global context to literacy, numeracy, primary topics and secondary subjects
- demonstrate the best Global Citizenship resources for integrating the Sustainable Development Goals into your teaching.

## We work with young people

Through partnership, we offer the opportunity for young people to explore the rich context of global citizenship through:

- the medium of art and the creation of community exhibitions
- the design and development of gardens and green spaces

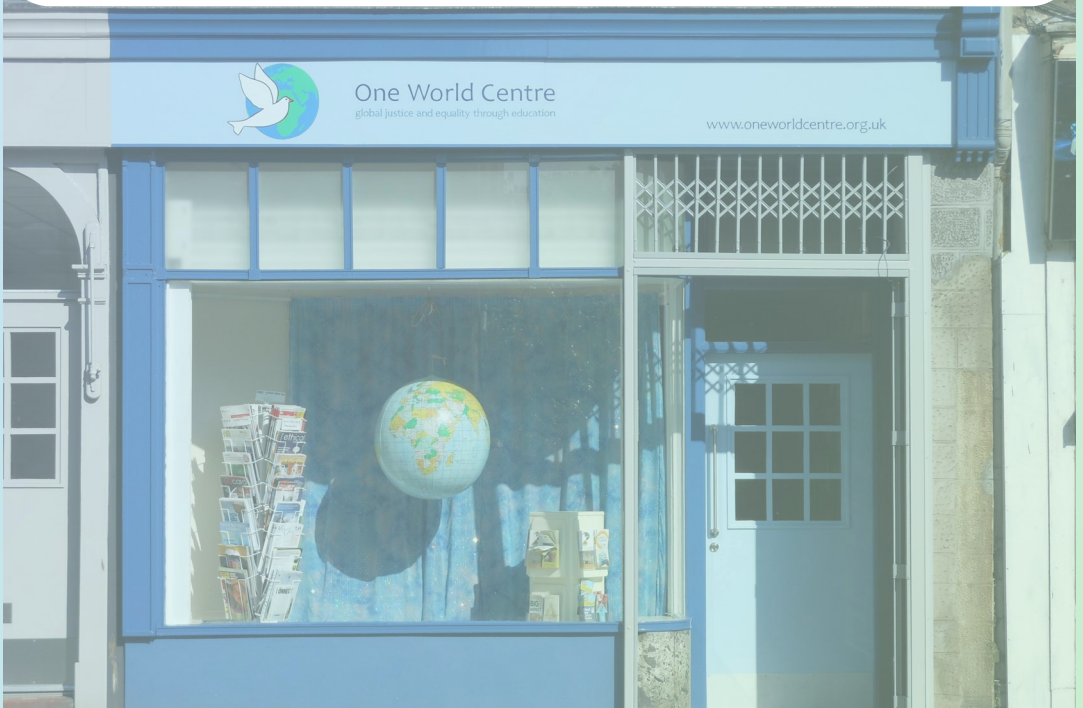
## We work with the community

Our work with the community is currently paused. Before this pause, we worked collaboratively with other professionals and interested members of the community:

- providing workshops and programmes with and for a wide variety of groups
- on subjects of interest to and decided by local people e.g. refugees, health, climate change
- sharing our expertise and participative methods on linking local and global issues



People and contacts 2022-2023 .....	4
A word from the Convener .....	5 - 6
Working in partnership with schools.....	7 - 10
A tribute to Malcolm Bain .....	11
Financial report.....	12



## Acronyms:

**DEC** Development Education Centre  
**KSB** Keep Scotland Beautiful  
**LfS** Learning for Sustainability  
**MDEC** Montgomery DEC in Aberdeen  
**NQT** Newly Qualified Teachers  
**OWC** One World Centre

**RRSA** Rights Respecting Schools Award  
**SDG** Sustainable Development Goals  
**UNCRC** United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child  
**WOSDEC** West of Scotland DEC in Glasgow

# People and contacts 2022-2023

## Management Committee

Carol Divitt	Convener
Malcolm Bain	Treasurer
Nick Toner	Secretary
Marlyn Glen	CLOP (Communications, Lobbying, Outreach and Publicity)
Mike Whitehead	IT sub-group Convener
David Corner	

## Staff

Sally Romilly	Global Learning Advisor
Josh Brown	Global Learning Advisor
Mike Clark	Office Manager

This Annual Report contains information pertaining to One World Centre's operations during the financial year running from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. For current information, please refer to our website at [www.oneworldcentre.org.uk](http://www.oneworldcentre.org.uk), our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/oneworldcentredundee>, or our Twitter account at [twitter.com/1worldcentre](https://twitter.com/1worldcentre).

We can be reached via email to [admin@oneworldcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@oneworldcentre.org.uk).

# A word from the Convener

Once again I am writing about a year of change - global, local and not least in the OWC where we have been moving office.

Since our office requirements have substantially decreased we were pleased to find smaller space within the offices of Signpost International, a larger charity organisation located in Lothian Crescent in Whitfield. This has meant a great deal of sorting through our many resources which are now either with us in Lothian Crescent or in the Central library and so still able to be used by schools and teachers.

Disposing of old resources made us very aware of just how long we have been promoting climate awareness and environmental responsibility. We have often

said that when everyone understands the issues, the work done by the OWC will no longer be necessary but it turns out that there is more of a need than ever for the knowledge and skills of the OWC staff. More and more we are being asked to deliver workshops to enable organisations to more clearly understand the issues and so develop a strategy that is sustainable.

However, funding for these workshops is becoming more difficult to secure. Many times in the past we have faced the possibility of a shortage of funds but seldom has the situation seemed so serious.

It is often said that we are in a decisive decade... choices made over the next few years will impact the world for centuries to come and it is important that everyone is

# A word from the Convener continued

aware of the challenges ahead so onward and upwards.

We were very sad to say goodbye to our friend and valued colleague Malcolm Bain who died earlier this year. Malcom was a trusted, reliable and well respected trustee of the OWC for over 10 years and his skills will be difficult to replace.

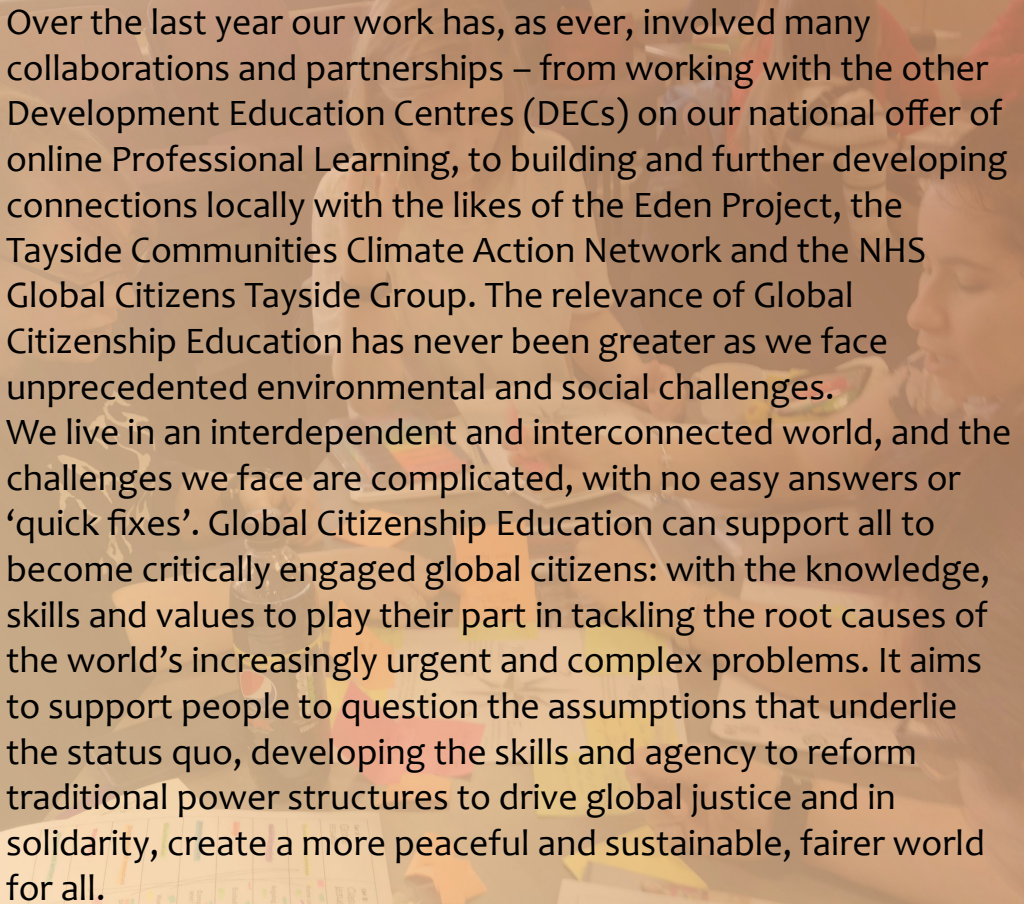
However over the past year the trustees and staff of the OWC have worked well as a strong team to enable the work to continue as the office was disassembled. I wish to thank them all for their hard work and their forbearance. Our Global Learning Advisers Sally and Josh have once again ensured that we reach and indeed surpass the requirements set out by our main funders, the Scottish

Government, whose support has been invaluable over the last 10 years and Mike Clark our Office Manager who seamlessly manages our financial responsibilities and IT support and ensures that our annual report is published each year. Thank you also to our members and our volunteers whose support enables the work of the OWC to continue.

If, upon reading this Annual Report, you feel you would like to help us by volunteering, joining as a member, or perhaps serving on our management committee, contact us at [admin@oneworldcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@oneworldcentre.org.uk).

Carol Divitt, Convener

# Working in partnership with *schools*



Over the last year our work has, as ever, involved many collaborations and partnerships – from working with the other Development Education Centres (DECs) on our national offer of online Professional Learning, to building and further developing connections locally with the likes of the Eden Project, the Tayside Communities Climate Action Network and the NHS Global Citizens Tayside Group. The relevance of Global Citizenship Education has never been greater as we face unprecedented environmental and social challenges. We live in an interdependent and interconnected world, and the challenges we face are complicated, with no easy answers or ‘quick fixes’. Global Citizenship Education can support all to become critically engaged global citizens: with the knowledge, skills and values to play their part in tackling the root causes of the world’s increasingly urgent and complex problems. It aims to support people to question the assumptions that underlie the status quo, developing the skills and agency to reform traditional power structures to drive global justice and in solidarity, create a more peaceful and sustainable, fairer world for all.

## **Professional Learning**

Having seen a shift to online delivery during and following the pandemic, there has been a gradual increase in the opportunities for us to once again offer face-to-face sessions

and we've visited a number of primary and secondary schools, as well as nurseries over the last year. Whilst online delivery has its advantages – particularly in terms of reach and availability – in-person delivery offers a wonderful opportunity for connection and networking and we've relished the chance to deliver such sessions again.

These have included whole-school sessions focused on Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (which looks set to be incorporated into



Scots law later this year), as well as introductory sessions for newly qualified teachers (NQTs) on Global Citizenship and how it sits within young people's entitlement to

Learning for Sustainability. The former includes exploring how schools can weave Rights through everything they do, taking it far beyond the tokenistic or fleeting. With schools in Scotland now being able to access the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) programme for free, we know there is and will be an ongoing demand for support with this. Our discussions earlier in the year with Unicef – who coordinate the awards – have helped inform how we can continue to do this alongside our colleagues in the other DECs.

The school strikes this year have no doubt affected when and whether teachers are able to come along to our sessions, as well as of course offering rich discussion points around Rights, democracy and collective action! Despite those challenges we've offered a wide range of courses including those with a focus on Rights, the ethics of over-consumption at Christmas (a collaboration



with the Scottish Fair Trade Forum and MDEC), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs or ‘Global Goals’) and further development of the Climate Justice sessions we’d begun to work more closely on last year. As our work has always had social justice at its heart, this has developed quite naturally and become a large part of this year’s offer. We know that young people have asked for more learning around both climate change and climate justice and this has helped shape what we’ve offered educators. We’ve worked in partnership with WOSDEC and Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB) delivering sessions on Climate Justice and, most recently, have been asked to develop and deliver a course as part of Oxfam GB’s Teach Climate Justice project.

### **Network News**

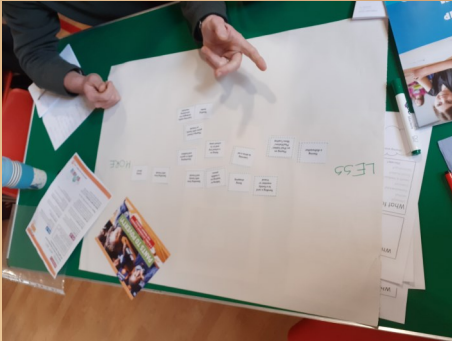
As ever we’ve been working on strengthening our existing networks and partnerships, as

well as developing and contributing to new ones. Invited to contribute to the Learning for Sustainability (LFS) Stakeholder Network, along with colleagues from across the DEC’s, the Education and Third sectors, we helped inform Education Scotland’s thinking around LFS as they prepare its refresh. Key to that was listening to the voices of young people and also asking



the question: if we’re not learning for sustainability, what else are we learning for? We’ve long known that ‘sustainability’ incorporates many, many things – from thinking about how to protect the natural environment, to respecting the Rights of others, be they those

in our local communities, or those far away producing the clothes, food and goods that we consume. A truly



sustainable world is one in which all citizens can thrive and live with dignity.

Which brings us on nicely to a new connection with the Children's Parliament's Dignity in Schools project. Alongside our colleagues at Scotdec, we recently contributed to one of their sessions, demonstrating how interconnected Rights are to the aims of helping young people to understand and experience human dignity.

### **Making A Move!**

This year the One World Centre moved from its premises on

Princes St., where we've been for 28 years, and though the decision was based on many factors, the change in the way that teachers access our services and support, certainly contributed to the decision-making process. With far more resources now being available online, and with the lockdowns also accelerating that shift to home working and online delivery, there's been a reduced demand for a physical library and less of a need for the office space itself. After an incredibly thorough clear out (for which we thank all our trustees and volunteers who helped so much) our new premises still leave us with room for some of those physical resources, as well as access to meeting spaces, and we're very happy to be able to offer both online and in-person support where possible.

Josh Brown and Sally Romilly  
Global Learning Advisers

## **A tribute to Malcolm Bain**

Dr. Malcolm Bain, Treasurer of One World Centre for many years, sadly passed away in January this year.

Malcolm was a true gentleman, a kind and considerate man, generous with his time, who willingly gave his support to all aspects of OWC life. He was a reliable and steadying influence at our meetings with his calm, pragmatic approach.

Malcolm was also Chair of IDEAS for several years up until 2018 at a crucial time for the network. Malcolm's financial skills and gentle leadership helped IDEAS to secure and manage significant funds from DfID, Scottish Government, British Council and the EU.

Malcolm was a friend as well as a colleague. His experience and judgement and simply his presence will be sorely missed.

# Financial Report 2022-2023

SCIO no. SC009618

Receipts and payments account for the period ended 31 March 2023

## Statement of balances

Receipts	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Grants	32,819	59,330
Staff services	750	745
Membership	120	80
Donations	1300	350
Other	40	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>35,029</b>	<b>60,505</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Staff	61,748	64,024
Premises	3,343	6,285
Office	1,752	2,185
Outreach activities	908	4,393
Resources	40	0
Computer costs	0	1,309
Other (HMRC prepay & adj)	0	-864
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>67,791</b>	<b>77,332</b>
<b>Surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>(32,762)</b>	<b>(16,827)</b>
<b>Bank &amp; cash in hand</b>	<b>2023 (£)</b>	<b>2022 (£)</b>
Opening balances	104,394	121,221
Surplus/(deficit) for year	(32,762)	(16,827)
<b>Closing balances</b>	<b>71,632</b>	<b>104,394</b>

The accounts are independently examined prior to submission to OSCR.



# One World Centre

global justice and equality through education

The Roundhouse, Lothian Crescent, Dundee DD4 0HU

**If you would like to visit or get in touch,  
Contact us at:**

Email: [admin@oneworldcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@oneworldcentre.org.uk)

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

[facebook.com/oneworldcentredundee](https://facebook.com/oneworldcentredundee)

[twitter.com/1worldcentre](https://twitter.com/1worldcentre)

One World Centre is a Scottish charity registered as a  
Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation no. SC009618

## We thank our funders!

**The Paristamen Charity**



**the Iona Community**