The first Chengelo Award for an outstanding contribution to international solidarity in the global dimension in education was presented to Sean Mullan on 3rd December 2007. The award, designed and made by St. Mary’s Art Lecturer, Fiona Cassidy, symbolises the key values of solidarity, empathy and respect for our shared humanity.

Sean graduated from St. Mary’s University College in summer 2007. During his time at the College, he was elected Global Dimension Officer in the Student’s Union and helped establish the College’s Global Group. This student group was involved in taking action on issues such as climate change and poverty, inside the College and in campaigning networks nationally and internationally. Not content with that, Sean was also involved in the College’s Fairtrade campaign which not only raised awareness of Fairtrade but set the ball rolling for the College to provide fairly traded options in canteens and shops and move towards becoming a Fairtrade registered institution.

Among the activities Sean helped organise for staff and students in his final year was a film showing on climate change and various events during Human Rights Week. Together with the Global group he also organised a Resource Fair for student teachers to help them incorporate global issues into their teaching during school experience.

Sean was joined by his parents, current students and staff to celebrate the Chengelo award. The word Chengelo means ‘light’ in Bemba, a regional language of Zambia. The title was chosen by the children of Kabweza (Kabwe) Orphanage in Lusaka which has close links to the College. (More about the Zambia links on the inside pages).

Nominations for the 2007/2008 Chengelo Award will be opening shortly. It is to be hoped that future Award winners live up to the high standards set by Sean.

Congratulations to Sean!

**Special points of interest:**
- Environmental Education Forum [http://www.eefni.org.uk](http://www.eefni.org.uk)
- World Mapper [http://www.worldmapper.org](http://www.worldmapper.org)
Connecting with Africa: A Picture Says a Thousand Words

St. Mary’s University College through the Global Dimension Project, has nurtured links with both Zambia and Kenya. A number of students and staff made exposure trips to Kenya and Zambia during 2007. Students and staff visiting Kenya were facilitated by Trócaire where they visited Trócaire’s office and partners in and around Nairobi, including Kibera, one of the biggest slums in Africa. Two groups of staff and students went to Zambia. The first group joined in with Project Zambia and spent time at Kabwata Orphanage which houses children who have lost their parents through AIDS as well as helping support the construction of a new teachers house at Misisi. Mrs. Angela Miyanda who visited St. Mary’s as part of the Global Dimension project’s international exchange programme helped establish the orphanage. Staff and students remain involved through various fundraising efforts. A second group of Art students joined the organization 80:20 and spent time in Lusaka working with school children to create a community art work with school children for World Aids Day.

International Exchanges

Professor Marina Sitrin (pictured right) of New College of San Francisco’s Activism and Social Change Program visited the Global Dimension Project in October 2007. Marina, addressed a lunch time seminar in St. Mary’s, giving powerful readings from her book Horizontalism: Voices of Popular Power in Argentina (AK Press, 2006) and discussed the stories told to her by the ordinary people of Argentina who made up the social movements that transformed Argentine society so visibly during December 2001.

Other international visitors during 2007 included Dr. Nancy Elias, Dean of Education at Bethlehem University. Following a visit by Dr. Brian Hanratty from the College to New Hampshire, Dr. Elaine Rizzo Co-Chair of the Consortium on Justice and Society and Karen Kelly of Projects for Global Harmony came to St. Mary’s.
Global Dimension Conferences 2007: “A very enjoyable Friday”

“A very enjoyable Friday” was how one student described the 2007/08 annual Global Dimension conference s/he attended. All four of the annual Global Dimension conferences were held over October and November 2007.

Kicking off the Annual Conferences, Global Imbalance in Today’s World was the theme for the BEd1 students. Following a Global Breakfast and opening session, a number of NGOs facilitated workshops allowing students to consider their own values and attitudes towards global injustice.

For the BEd 2 Annual Conference students considered Education for Sustainable Development in an Interdependent World. Conference guest speaker, Andy Griggs from Environmental Education Forum, discussed the need for a global perspective on environmental issues while workshops were facilitated by a range of environmental and development NGOs.

The Human Rights Education Conference for BEd3 students opened with guest speaker Rebecca Dudley from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission speaking about how human rights education relates to teachers’ role in the classroom. Workshops on the day ranged from conflict intervention to international humanitarian law, to a child’s right to quality education. As usual workshops were facilitated by local NGOs and other organisations.

The final Conference of this academic year for BEd4 and PGCE students looked at The Challenges of Teaching in Ethnically Diverse Classrooms in Northern Ireland. Ethnic diversity in the classroom is a growing challenge for teachers given the changing face of the local population. Guest speaker Bronagh Crummey-Bryan (profiled below) provided practical techniques to promote diversity as a positive educational experience. Workshops, facilitated by members from the Black and Ethnic Minority sector, offered students an opportunity to learn more about specific organisations dealing with issues in Northern Ireland.

Thoughts on the Days

“The session allowed us to realise the preconceptions we have when faced with a particular situation or identity (BEd 4 student)”

Comment found in the Conference feedback boards

“It was an extremely beneficial conference which enabled me to receive clear insight into the different issues concerned with sustainable development”. (BEd2 student)

“Great information for teachers; good to know help is out there for us”. (BEd 2 student)

Revisiting Lusaka convinced me that the Global Dimension Project is vital if we are to inform our student teachers of the inequality and injustice in the developing world and encourage them to address this in their role as future educators.”

Teresa Cash, Development Education Adviser

Guest Speaker Profile

Bronagh Crummey-Bryan of The Cultural Exchange (pictured left) was the guest speaker at the 3rd Global Dimension BEd4 & PGCE Conference on 10 October 2007.

With several years teaching experience overseas and in Northern Ireland as a teacher of English as an Additional Language, Bronagh has for some time been involved in cultural awareness training in ethnically diverse classrooms in Northern Ireland. She was able to share her personal experiences and to provide students with practical techniques to promote diversity as a positive educational development. Importantly, Bronagh challenged students to think about their own expectations and assumptions about what it means to be a teacher in a classrooms where a variety of ethnic backgrounds are represented.
The Global Dimension Team

The success of the Global Dimension Project within St. Mary’s and its links outside the College has seen an expansion of the Global Dimension Team. Three new appointments have joined Stella Murray, the Global Dimension Coordinator since September 2007.

A new Project Administrator, Emily Park will maintain the newly refurbished Global Dimension Resource Room, liaise with partner organisations and assist with events and conferences, as well as other administrative duties. Emily spent many years teaching and working overseas as a language teacher and also worked in Harare, Zimbabwe with the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

In order to support certification in the Global Dimension, uniquely on offer to St. Mary’s students, an On-line Course Organiser, Róisín Shannon has been appointed for a 6 month period to create a course through LearningNI, the web portal for all schools in Northern Ireland. The course will bring together information and allow easy access to resources within St. Mary’s and externally, needed to successfully attain certification. Róisín has worked in international development for several years, returning recently from a year in Sudan where she worked with Irish humanitarian agency GOAL and the Danish Refugee Council.

Ian McCutcheon has also been appointed as Project Research Assistant for a 6 month period. Ian completed his Masters in Leadership for Sustainable Development at Queen’s in 2006, and has been involved in development work through Project Zambia of which he is currently Chair. His research will evaluate the impact of the Global Dimension Project on St. Mary’s students and staff and lead to recommendations for further actions within the College to ensure St. Mary’s graduates are fully prepared to incorporate a Global Dimension into their teaching. Ian is also completing research carried out in the first year of the Project which examines knowledge, attitudes and interest in the 8 concepts of the Global Dimension at Key Stage 2 and 4.

Global Citizenship in Practice

The Global Dimension project continues to receive support from St. Mary’s staff and students and to encourage as many as possible to be active citizens. Towards this end students joined the Global Dimension team in answering the Global Call to Action Against Poverty. The event helped set a new Guinness World Record when 23,542,614 people across the world ‘Stood Up Against Poverty’ on 15-16 October 2007.

St. Mary’s Students’ Union President Harry Jones and Global Dimension Student Officer Conor McCrystal joined Stella Murray, Global Dimension Coordinator for the launch of the Northern Ireland Climate Change Coalition at Stormont in October. The Coalition aims to raise awareness of climate change and its impact on development as well as change behaviour and public policies to deliver local and global benefits.

Staff and students took part in Human Rights week in December 2007, together sending 300 postcards and letters direct to political prisoners and prisoners of conscience being held around the world.

Stella Murray, the Global Dimension Project continues to represent the College in a number of networks including; the Global Dimension in Schools Northern Ireland Project, the CADA Development Education sub-group, Centre for Global Education Advisory Group and the Irish Aid funded National Centre for Global Development Through Education Project at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick which links ITE institutions in Ireland and Africa.

Funding for the Global Dimension project at St. Mary’s will finish in August 2008. A new proposal has been submitted to the Department for International Development, the current funder for a project that will move forward on the work done over the past 3 years. A decision is expected in April 2008.

Global Village—Brain Teaser

If we could shrink the Earth’s population to a village of exactly 100 people how many people …

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