

My World, Your World, Our World

Background:

My World, Your World, Our World is a global citizenship programme created for young people who want to make connections between their own lives and the changing world around them.

Over a period of four to five years, the One World Centre had been working with a variety of young people's groups. As we began to work with groups of young, vulnerable people who spent part of their week in off-site provision, the opportunity arose to create a programme lasting 6 to 8 weeks. Having piloted a range of activities with two different groups, the 4AAA's project at Greylodge Settlement and Xplore at Mitchell Street Centre, the One World Centre was funded for three years to develop a programme which Youth Workers could pick up and use themselves. David Potter helped develop this programme .

My World, Your World, Our World – Why are these important?

In a globalised world we are connected to others in a way that has never been experienced before. This programme is about exploring these connections and finding ways to think, campaign and live in solidarity with our neighbours around the world.

Even when we're quietly going about our own business, our choices and behaviour have an impact in far-off places. From the clothes we wear to the TV we watch, our actions plug us into the wider supply chain of international affairs. But this also positions us as potential change-makers in a global system that profits the rich and powerful at the expense of the rest of the world.

The aims of the programme are:

- To increase awareness and understanding of the interdependency of people's lives both locally and globally
- To increase understanding of the forces which shape our lives – social, economic, political and environmental
- To develop critical thinking and creativity
- To increase active global citizenship and promote social inclusion

The ethos of the programme is:

To provide a fun, interactive and participant-centred approach to learning. It aims to introduce skills and information about global justice issues and campaigning. A good programme will:

- Allow young people space to develop and express their own views
- Empower young people with practical information and encouragement
- Value the diversity of people and experience in the group
- Ground young people in the central themes of justice, sustainability and solidarity

The programme's structure and use

The general structure of the programme moves constantly from personal, to community, to global and back, affirming the links we have across these sectors.

The Session Plans themselves are detailed and structured in order to provide as much support and clarity as possible for the facilitator. Some can be used as one-off sessions, but together they provide a more in-depth learning experience. They should be used as a basis for each session, as each facilitator and group will bring their own priorities, experiences and knowledge to the programme.

Contents:

Session	Title	Aims
1	My World – or is it?	Starting from 'the local', this begins to develop understanding of our global interdependency.
2	So this is me	Reflection on the influences of our lives and the people that we, in turn, influence.
3	The World on our Doorstep (a)	Explore Dundee's global links.
4	The World on our Doorstep (b)	Explores the impact of these global links on people's lives.
5	It's not Fair!	Explores personal unfairness and experience what it feels like for others across the globe.
6	Fair – it can be!	Explores what we can do to work towards a fairer world, with reference particularly to Fair Trade.
7	Our Rights	Explores the rights of the young person and how they can be infringed.
8	Climate Change	Explores the causes of climate change, the contributions we all make, and how we can make positive changes.
9	My Ideal World	Role playing to create an island with its charter of rights.
10	Spreading the Word	Time for presentations, or some campaigning.