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Master of Ceremonies, the 'Very Young'  
Tom Burke guides the event

It was wild, it was intense and it hit the office with the speed of a hurricane! But three weeks of intense non-stop work paid off for all of us with the successful launch of the Be The Change! programme in the UK



Rt. Hon. Peter Hain, minister of the  
Foreign Office lights the 'diya'

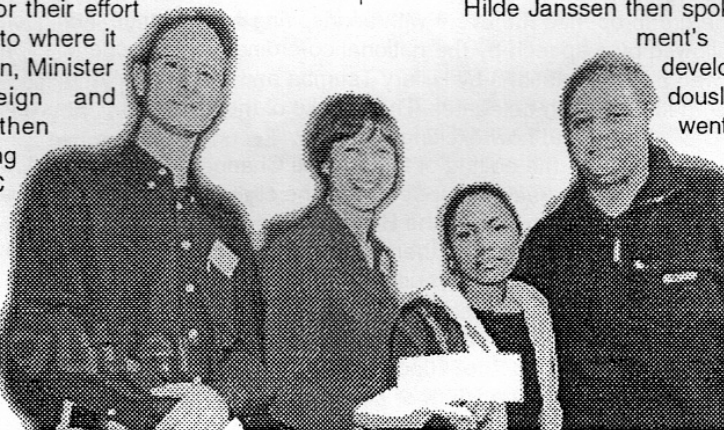
## Young People Receive Cheques, Dignitaries Speak at London Launch of Be the Change!

On Dec. 11, Be The Change! was officially launched in the UK at the Nehru Centre in London. One hundred and twenty people were in attendance and chomped, chatted, connected and learned their way through what turned out to be a day of excited interest.

Tom Burke kick-started the event and conducted the ceremony with inimitable style, keeping the audience laughing in one instant and serious in others.

After a quick introduction, President of Peace Child International, David Woolcombe, welcomed the guests and thanked the youth interns for their effort in bringing Be the Change! to where it was now. Rt. Hon. Peter Hain, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, then spoke about the role of young people, endorsing the BTC programme.

A "Diya," or traditional Indian oil lamp that signifies the inauguration of an important event, was lit by Rt. Hon. Peter Hain, Zoltan Valcsicsak of Levi Strauss & Co, Hilde Janssen of the Royal Embassy of the



From left - right, Zoltan of Levi Strauss together with Jenny Agutter, actress, present cheques to the project proposers Shenaz & Roxy.

Netherlands and Saeed Jafferey, noted actor from the original 'Gandhi' film.

David Woolcombe then presented the history of Peace Child International starting from those heady musical days and ending with the colorful books.

He was accompanied by a multimedia presentation, showing images of the history of the Be The Change! programme, from its inception to how it all works now. A project by Kuheli Bhattacharya (which is funded) was explained in detail from receiving the proposal to successful funding.

Hilde Janssen then spoke about the Dutch government's involvement in youth led development. It has been tremendously supportive of BTC. She went on to wish Peace Child well in its efforts.

Next to speak was Felix Dodds of the United Nations' Environment and Development Forum in the UK. In his speech, Dodds outlined the importance of young people's involvement in community development.

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Mary Ellen Tsekos, our intern from America spoke on behalf of all the interns about joys and sorrows at Peace Child.



*Peace Child youth interns at the Event.*

Donovan Slack, former Be The Change! Co-Ordinator then spoke on how 'her baby' the BTC programme had grown up. She read a statement from Mark Malloch Brown, the head of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Zoltan Valcsicsak, community affairs manager for Levi Strauss Europe, who generously sponsored the launch event, spoke about his company's involvement in community affairs in a refreshingly witty way (he likened our White House to the more famous one in Washington at one point!).

He also explained his own background in development issues.

Jenny Agutter, UK actress, presented cheques to three UK project proposers. Shenaz and Roxy of the London-based 'Tolerance in



*Jodie Tellam of THE Bus project*

Diversity' group. They plan to give conflict resolution to rival-gangs in East London. But even in that short description, one could get a feeling of the dynamism and commitment of all the young proposers.

Jodie Tellam from Cornwall, gave a description of her 'THE BUS' Human Rights Education project. She was followed by Betty Berhane with her 'Peace Garden' project. All three proposers received their funding from Levi Strauss at the event and that marked also for us the beginning of a very important chapter here in the UK.

Sarah Belkasmi and Fadila Halifi, two youth project proposers from Morocco then came and outlined their projects in Casablanca and Rabat, Morocco.

The event ended on a note of thanks by Tom Burke and people then made their way down to the reception rooms for a light lunch and lots of wine!

*-Joseph Jagan Devaraj*



*Below the auditorium the reception featured the six regional desks and Peace Child publications. People browsed on a laptop display of the web sites while nibbling from an International menu of finger foods. Quite an afternoon!*

## Rescue Mission Zimbabwe: Be The Change! Launch

27 September 2000

Over 200 people gathered to witness the launch of the BTC book and programme. In attendance were representatives from the Zimbabwean Government including the Minister of Youth and Gender Dr. Samuel Mumbengegwi; Ambassadors from the USA, Argentina, Japan, South Africa, South Korea and Kenya; Educational representatives, business people, RM Zimbabwe board of trustees, Students, teachers and parents.

The Imbongi dance group opened the event with an inspiring performance. A welcome note by the Master of ceremony was read out followed by a speech by the national co-ordinator of Rescue Mission Zimbabwe - Leonard Kachingwe. This was followed by presentations by Hillary Tumba and Geoffrey Martin - our Millennium Young People's Congress (MYPC) national youth delegates. They spoke of the selection process, how they had fund raised for their airfares, the MYPC congress, and how exciting it all was.

Then, Anusha Jogi spoke about the editing of the Be The Change! book in Hawaii. She presented the book to the Minister of Education. The Minister read his speech and the other copy of the book was shown around. He pledged support to Rescue Mission Zimbabwe and the Be The Change! programme.

Shana Watermeyer, our youth co-ordinator, then spoke about the Be The Change! (BTC) programme and the National Indicators Project (NIP). She encouraged young people to submit their proposals to Peace Child International. This was followed by two big cheque presentations to RMZ by Anglo American and Stanbic Bank. Anglo American gave us a cheque for US\$2000 and Stanbic bank for US\$1600.

Despite the difficulties in fund-raising, the launch was a success. All who attended will testify, Rescue Mission Zimbabwe is doing a great deal for the youth of Zimbabwe.

*-Leonard Kachingwe, National Co-ordinator for Rescue Mission Zimbabwe*



# News Briefs from Around the World

## ALOHA FROM HAWAII!

We are marking the one year anniversary of the MYPC with the world premiere of the documentary "The Essence of the Millennium" at the Hawai'i International Film Festival. The film, created by Daniel Dubie with post production support by Olelo Community Television, captures the energy, fun and wisdom of the delegates, activists, and performers. Watching the film reminds us of how special the nine days in October were for us here in Hawai'i. The film was shown twice at the Hawai'i Convention Center theatre and once on the Neighbor Islands during the two week festival. As one Hawai'i mentor commented to a film reviewer for the Honolulu Weekly, "I came to the conference last year with as much frustration as hope. But after I met these young people, many of whom have been witness to the world's thorniest problems - war, disease, political indifference - I came away more hopeful than I have been in years. There were high spirits...and hard work". The film festival celebrates its 20th anniversary and brings together some of the best independent films and directors in the world. We were proud to have Daniel's entry selected by the festival this year.

Each of you is welcome to return to the spiritual wellspring that is Hawai'i - We think of you often!

**-Mae Mendelson**

*Mae was the Co-Director of Peace Child's Millennium Young People's Congress.*

## LIBERIANS RETURN TO HAWAII

Benjamin Sanvee and Jackerson Johnson, City of Monrovia representatives, were in Honolulu recently. The two youth returned to the site of the Millennium Young Peoples' Congress in pursuit of a Sister-City affiliation. Sanvee is the Youth Advisor to the President of Liberia and was also an MYPC delegate.

"We began a very important process during MYPC. We feel that by forming a Sister City affiliation, we can provide economic, technological and cultural benefits for both communities." Johnson, a YODAP founder, said. "The important thing is that this effort is by the youth, for the youth, and of the youth. Just like we teach in Liberia, we are doing through our visit."

YODAP is a volunteer youth action project that is working to rebuild the country, ravaged by almost a decade of civil war. A reception and discussion on International Youth Issues was held at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where the Liberians shared their thoughts with student government and special guests.

**-Greg Dunn**

*Greg is Executive Director of Atherton YMCA in Hawaii*

## IYP INSPIRES YOUTH ACTIVISM

The recently concluded International Youth Parliament 2000 (IYP2000) has built on the growing cry for change from young people all over the world. An initiative of Community Aid Abroad-Oxfam Australia, IYP2000 took place from 19-28 October in Sydney, Australia. It drew over 250 delegates between the ages of 15 and 28, from 161 countries. Its stated aim was to inspire young people to confront local community issues and spearhead positive social change. Young activists who have lived in oppressive and unfair environments all their lives broke their silence and left vowing to effect a positive change. Topics ranging from environmental conservation, eradication of poverty, breaking the circle of violence and war to defending human rights and democratic values were all up for debate by young people.

"We are not future leaders, we are the leaders now, so let's get going because we've got a whole world to change," said Gouthaman from Sri Lanka. "We are not just here to find solutions, but to change the world and turn it upside down." Alfred Ombudo from Kenya concluded by saying "The answer lies in our hands".

Inspired by what they saw in Sydney, young people from opposing sides in the Middle East, the Balkans and Africa left wondering why their societies have been allowed to be plagued by conflict and hatred. They vowed to work together, in spite of their differences, to effect a positive social change and educate their communities back home. The African and Balkan delegates will organize a similar event in their respective regions and share these ideas with fellow youth who did not get the chance to go to Sydney. In conclusion, I am personally convinced that this was a great investment in young people and should be adopted elsewhere. This is the only way we can fight against social evils like wars, poverty, racism and prejudice. You have to convince young people to turn their backs from these evils and in the future we will have a peace-minded generation.

**-Ignatius Mugabo**

*Ignatius is a Rwandan activist based in Denmark and President of International Youth Co-operation. He was Denmark's delegate to IYP2000.*

## SEMINAR LOOKS AT CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

"Peace Education: rising to the challenge of children's rights" was the title of the seminar that David Woolcombe and Rosey Simonds ran for the British Council in October. A wide variety of speakers shared experiences of:

1. Conflict resolution steps in Rwanda and Burundi
2. Peer mediation projects in the UK and Ghana
3. Israeli and Palestinian education on tolerance
4. Children's rights abuses, the Railway Children organization dealing with street children and what the police are doing concerning child rights

A highlight of the conference was visiting the George Mitchell School and seeing the Theatre Royal Stratford East involving young people in a theatre in education project called "Making a Difference".

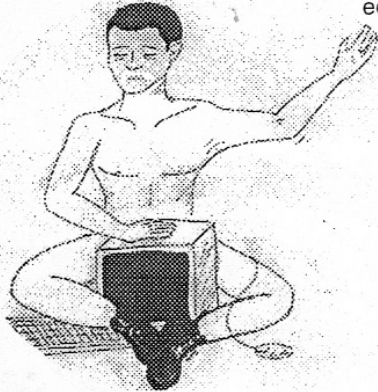
The participants also had extremely interesting experiences to share and we all learned a great deal. We also stayed at a wonderful conference centre, had a very good event manager and amazing food, so all in all it was an excellent week.

**-Rosey Simonds**

*Rosey is Executive Director of Peace Child International.*

## AFRICA

The Be The Change! programme has been taken up by a large number of youth groups and young people across the African Region. It has been great to see all the creative ideas coming in. It has been particularly impressive



to receive hand-written, posted applications from the more remote rural areas. The first BTC! proposal to receive funding on the Netaid website was Anusha Jogi's from Zimbabwe. Well done Anusha and her team!

There has also been good news on the Morocco front with a national funder having been found for the National Junior Indicator Pack. The funder is BMCE - Banque Marocaine du Commerce Extérieur - who are particularly keen to invest in primary education. The resulting partnership between the Moroccan Government and the corporate sector is an excellent example of what is possible in the implementation of sustainable development policies.

*-David Baines, africa@peacechild.org*

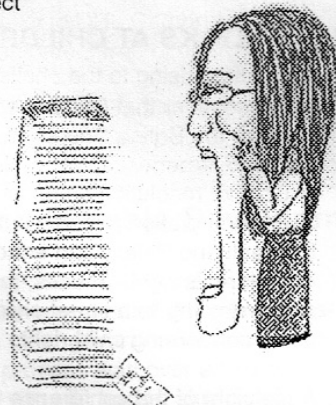
## ASIA

The hot news is that one of Be The Change! projects featured on Netaid website, Kuheli Battacharya's "Immunisation Centre" project is fully funded. Adding to that, Madhive.com, internet-based youth community web site has adopted two projects from India.

Maybe when you read this article, you will get more exciting news from Be The Change! programme. Please keep your eyes open for the slightest change at [www.netaid.org](http://www.netaid.org)! We are providing Netaid a stream of youth proposals and sincerely encourage you to send us your active projects.

We all appreciate the hard working proposers particularly from India, Bhutan and Pakistan and hope to keep your enthusiasm in working with us this year.

*-Yeakyung Han, asia@peacechild.org*



## LATIN AMERICA

I hope last year was a very good one for everyone. Unfortunately, Peace Child intern and CRC programme manager Laura Arrieta Abellan has gone back home to Costa Rica but she will continue to be involved in Peace Child -Big hug from Laura to all of you!

We've got fantastic news!

"Canning House" and "Student Partnership Worldwide" will be working with Peace Child on the Be the Change! Programme. The Canning House organization was founded in 1943 and promotes educational, cultural and business links between the UK, Latin America, Spain and Portugal. Very soon you will be hearing lots from them!

We have also established a partnership with SPW - Student Partnerships International. They will be recruiting young Latin American volunteers to work alongside their European peers in action projects that will contribute to Latin American communities. Please spread the word! If you require further information, do not hesitate to get in touch with me!

Last November the second Latin American and Caribbean meeting for "Life and Peace" took place, within the third regional youth forum in Bogotá, Colombia. A Peace Child group, "Grupo Tayrona" with the sponsorship of the National Ministry of Environmental Affairs and UNEP, was in charge of organizing the event. They have agreed to create a youth eco-friendly network that will motivate young people to get involved in volunteering programs, and help them to bring out abilities and adapt their skills to specific needs of our region. There will be two follow-up meetings next year: Venezuela in February and Honduras in October.

I would be very grateful if you could send any piece of relevant information to the Latin American Desk so I can feature it in the next Action Times. Encourage all your friends and acquaintances to join our network! The more voices there are, the better chance young people have to be heard. We hope that Latin American youth continue to be active and closer to each other than they have ever been before.

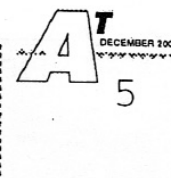
*We are paving the foundation for a new and united Latin America!*

*-Irina Danada, latina@peacechild.org*





# REGIONAL DESKS



## EUROPE

Ann Kokoza's Sophia Ravine of the Ukraine and Mitya's Millennium Park of Belarus are the first two European projects featured on Netaid and they have already raised money! Karen's Park Restoration of Armenia; Daiva's Drug Prevention in Lithuania and Volodymyr's Children for the Salvation of the Black Sea of Ukraine are up to be adopted.

With 'Adopt a project' it is possible to choose a particular project and support it in total. So start getting the message out to the schools and big business in your area! There will soon be a support package available to help you spread the word. We have a teacher in Italy, who is looking forward to helping with projects concerning education in general and literacy in particular. For more information, please contact us.



On Dec. 13th, Azer, Gadir, Jamil, Tahir and Ruslan from Azerbaijan visited Peace Child and brought great news: Peace Child Azerbaijan is now officially registered! Azer is also keen to host a Youth Seminar in Baku, Azerbaijan in September next year. It could be a useful contribution to the preparatory process for Rio +10 review in 2002. Please write your ideas to [azer.bayramov@excite.com](mailto:azer.bayramov@excite.com)

Lauryna, Jonas, Karolis, Ieva, Angelika, Viktorija & Lina, all between 14-16, from the Language School of the Lithuanian Youth Centre, are looking for penfriends. They like traveling, music and want to know more about foreign countries. Please send your letters to: Penpals, c/o Beata Morkyte, Lithuanian Youth Centre, Ukmerges 25, 2600 Vilnius, Lithuania.

The European Desk will be taken over after Christmas by a very capable French man, Mathias Chaboud. It was very nice to be in contact with some of you and to get to know so many committed and friendly people.

*-Ingrid Heindorf,  
[europa@peacechild.org](mailto:europa@peacechild.org)*



## SMALL ISLAND STATES

Warm sunny greetings to all from the Island States! Ebonie Fifita and the Pacific Flame group are now firmly in on the Netaid site and though there does not seem to be too much movement in terms of funding, efforts are being made to find funding for it on different was including adoption. We are confident that it will go through soon due to the dynamism and appeal of the project.

We, the Island States are unlike every region as we span the globe. We may be islands in ourselves, but here at Peace Child, we are one family. So keep the projects coming and write to me if you want to link up to other islands, from Australia to the Philippines to Tonga at [sis@peacechild.org](mailto:sis@peacechild.org).

We have a new co-ordinator from down under, Australian Tina Neilson and she is a enthusiastic, dynamic person and I am eager to start working with her as she has several great ideas.

*-Joseph Jagan Devaraj, [sis@peacechild.org](mailto:sis@peacechild.org)*

## NORTH AMERICA

We are very excited to give you the very first update from North America. We do not as yet have much in the works but we wanted to let you all know that we are about to begin a major outreach effort. We plan to contact a number of NGO's working with young people across America and Canada encouraging them to partner with Peace Child International and get their networks working on BTC projects. We are also working on a plan to get the U.S. Department of Defense schools across the world funding Be The Change! projects in conjunction with schools in their host countries. This will all be a major effort but hopefully we will soon be seeing North America joining the ranks of active Be The Change! regions. So all of you in North America, start sending those proposals!

*-Mary Ellen Tsekos, [n\\_america@peacechild.org](mailto:n_america@peacechild.org)*



## UNITED KINGDOM

Over the past few months the UK Desk has been focusing on outreach for Be The Change! I have contacted hundreds of other organisations introducing them to Peace Child International and BTC, and encouraging them to send in funky new action proposals. Lots of people have shown an interest and are setting up links to our site from their own. It is quite a slow process but once projects start being funded and get going it should encourage other people to send in proposals.

At the moment we have three UK projects, one from Lizzie Wood in Plymouth to produce some educational materials about sustainable development; one from Katy Beinart in Oxford to develop a community allotment; and finally one from Rheillynn Valdez in London to set up a Peace Garden at her school. These are all now up on the Peace Child website so take a look and donate some money so that they can get started!

If any of you in the UK do anything exciting please let me know so that we can feature you in the next newsletter.

*-Heather Stabler, [uk@peacechild.org](mailto:uk@peacechild.org)*



In May 2000, 15,000 surveys were printed and sent out to youth NGOs, consumer organisations, eco-groups in nearly 30 countries to investigate young people's consumption patterns and lifestyles all around the world. A lot of results came back (8,000!) - Thanks to everybody, who participated so actively!

Meanwhile also different institutes were working in Australia, Canada, Thailand, Mexico and Norway to research intensively and contribute an expert paper of their country on youth and sustainable consumption. Basing on the research and the expert papers, the UNEP / UNESCO

Expert Workshop in Paris was a well-used forum for an open discussion between actors, such as business, governments, NGOs and youth about how respect for environment and people can be an opportunity for social and economic development. The report about the research, expert papers and the expert workshop will be finished by the end of this year and downloadable in a printable format on the Internet.

Have you done an action project concerning consumption? Ideas for further action? Questions? Get in touch with Ingrid at [europa@peacechild.org](mailto:europa@peacechild.org)

## The Human Development Report

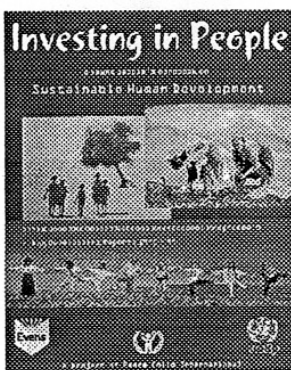
**Heather Stabler**

It was a quiet period for the HDR over the summer as we waited to get comments back on the draft from various experts we had sent it to. We then had to incorporate these comments and perfect a few ideal spreads for the publishers, Evans Brothers. However, by the time you read this we should have finally signed a contract with them! This means that they will have approved our final design and content and we can start working on the last few textual changes that are needed. We have managed to shuffle the chapters around so that we

cover all the topics that are needed for the GCSE Geography and Citizenship syllabuses, but also include as much of the fascinating information and statistics in the original HDRs as possible.

Francisco has done a great job with the design, building on Caroline's original template and building in the alterations the publisher requested. When it is finished the book will look really nice, lots of colour, lots of personal case studies to bring the difficult developmental concepts and philosophy to life, lots of funky graphics, lots of beautiful drawings and lots of challenging and stimulating questions to please the teachers!

We hope to distribute the book to schools over the summer 2001. By September and the start of the new academic year schools all over Britain could be using, "An Introduction to Human Development: Investing in People".



## Sustainable Development Training Centre Ghana

**Ebenezer Malcolm**

Thanks to DHL Cambridge!

The vision of setting up a Sustainable Development Training Centre (SDTC) in Accra is becoming a reality. We (Rescue Mission Ghana, an affiliate of Peace Child International), are in the process of putting structures in place to launch the project. RM Ghana recently received a shipment of re-cycled computers which will form the backbone of the project. Many thanks to DHL Cambridge for this, as they agreed to make the shipment free of charge! Thank you DHL Cambridge!

We have secured a 4-year lease for office space in Accra. We are now looking to put the place into shape,

since the building is an incomplete one. We need approximately \$3000 to put the place in order. Work to be done includes painting, installation of electrical wires, network cables and a telephone system.

The difficult economic conditions prevailing in the country have hindered our fund raising activities. We have written to many companies to assist us. But we have not yet received any concrete support. If you would like to support this education for sustainable development project, please do not hesitate to contact us. The DIRECTOR Rescue Mission Ghana, PO Box TN 1967 Teshie Numguu Estates, Accra, Ghana

## World Summit for Sustainable Development 2002

**David Woolcombe**

The UN General Assembly decided on Johannesburg, South Africa for the Rio + 10 review summit. After the disaster of the Rio + 5, after which most governments seemed to think that the Rio Agenda 21 process was over and our Rescue Mission programmes virtually had to shut down, everyone is determined to make 2002 an event as powerful as the original Rio summit was.

There is a lot of talk that this Summit will focus on just a few issues - probably the eradication of poverty, fresh-water, climate change, fish stocks, forests and desertification. But no one is talking about peace-keeping as a sustainable development concern and it does not look like education, our top priority, is going to be anywhere on the official agenda. With the help of the Education 21 group here in the UK, and the

NGOs of the host country, we are planning a massive Education Summit to run parallel to the actual WSSD. We are going to assert our MYPC priority and invite every Head of State coming to the Summit to come or to send a representative.

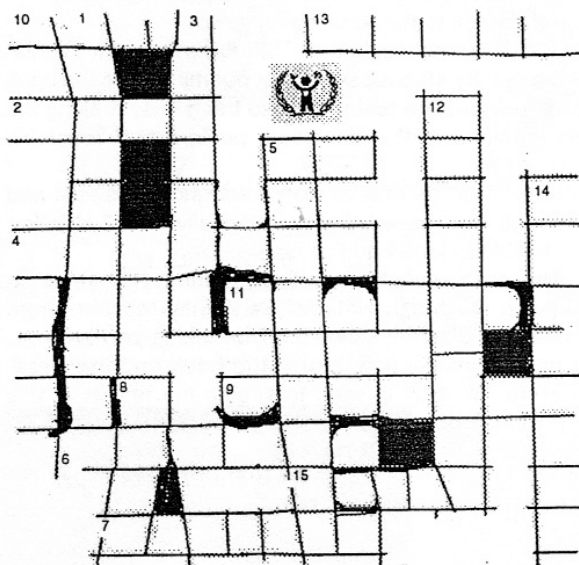
For, as you all correctly detected in Hawaii, without a serious and appropriate way of teaching Education for Sustainable Development, there is no way that the current generation passing through the hands of the world's 50 million teachers is ever going to know how to rise to the challenge of creating sustainable life-styles for the population of 8.2 billion souls we can expect to live on this fragile planet by the middle of this century!

Watch this space as the initiative develops!!



# Action Times Crazy Crossword:

How much can you remember?



## ACROSS

2. Where does the "happy" man called Tom work?
4. Crazy bees who adopted a BTC project from India, fully funding it
5. 2nd word in title of new Peace Child book on HDR
6. Features BTC projects from the developing world: \_\_\_\_\_ .org
7. African dance group who performed in Zimbabwe
9. 2nd word of company's name that supported BTC and funded UK projects
10. Latin American beauty who left Peace Child to go back to Costa Rica
11. 3rd word in title of new Peace Child book on HDR
13. Last name of the "grandfather of Peace Child USA"
15. "Center" of attention in London on Dec. 11

## DOWN

1. Azer and others who come from \_\_\_\_\_ visited the White House, UK
3. First name of proposer who received first funding from the Netaid site
4. Famous youth conference (abbreviation)
5. 1st word in title of Peace Child's new book, HDR
8. First word of company's name which supported BTC and funded UK projects
12. Capital of American state hosting Benjamin Sanji and Jackerson Johnson from Liberia
14. Neighboring country to India

ANSWERS:  
ACROSS: 2. peru 4. madhve 5. in 6. netaid 7. imbonji 8. straus 10. laura 11. people 13. marks 15. Nehru  
DOWN: 1. azerbaijan 3. anusha 4. mypc 5. investing 8. lev 12. honolulu 14. pakistan

## New Projects in the Pipeline

David Woolcombe

**Rescue 2002:** We have already raised a considerable amount of funding for this project, so we should be launching it in January 2002.

So what is it? Well – if Be The Change! outlines our ideas for sustainable development in the new Millennium, Rescue 2002 will look at how far the governments' Agenda 21 has been realised. It will look at all the Final Statements and Commitments of all the big UN conferences of the 1990s + the Convention processes like Kyoto on Climate Change, the Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depletion, the Cairo process on population growth etc. We invite you guys to look at what has been done in your communities to implement its provisions. In other words, it is a way for young people to check up and see if governments have been doing what they said they were going to do! We shall want you to write heart-rending, passionate poems and stories and reports about these issues; and we shall want your moving, colourful, funny pictures. Also, we shall want your passionate statements about what governments still have left to do in the Rio Agenda – and the other things that we highlighted at the MYPC, so that we have a comprehensive review + new youth agenda going into the World Summit of 2002.

As always, we shall be looking for some amongst you to come to two editorial meetings to turn it all into a wonderful, best-selling book – which we shall then distribute and use to lobby with in the build-up to the World Summit in 2002.

**Living Citizenship:** Also in 2002, Britain launches its long-awaited compulsory citizenship curricula in all schools. What is citizenship education? Well it includes many of the things that we have been creating books about over the last ten years – human rights, the United Nations, sustainable development etc. But, we also have strong views on how citizenship should be taught: it is not

something that can be lectured about by a teacher from the front of a classroom. It has to be 'lived' by the students – through doing community eco-audits, electing student + local municipal councils, through doing Model UNs, World Feasts, Councils of the Animals etc.

So we are creating a "Living Citizenship" Teacher Guide to show how the books we have been creating these last ten years can be used in a really lively, student-friendly way.

**CRC Development:** Now that the CRC book is nearing completion, our thoughts are turning to getting it out to schools that need it in the developing world.

We do feel a real commitment to get the book translated and into the curricula of countries that really need it! We are confident that, because of all those countries that did such an excellent job on the Stand Up for your Rights project, we shall get the follow-on funding to do a similar programme for the CRC.

**Hague Appeal for Peace:** Peace Child is a central part of this campaign to get peace education into the mainstream of all schools. We shall also be working on, and campaigning for, more Peace Child peace education initiatives in Morocco, the Indian sub-continent, Sri Lanka, Burundi, the Middle East, Sierra Leone, and other places in the world where Peace is still yearned for.

**Cyprus TV Series:** David and Rosey Woolcombe are embarking on a year-long job to line-produce a TV series that brings together Turkish and Greek Cypriot kids and looks to a future in which they will live together in peace. It is being produced by Search for Common Ground – whose director, John Marks, was the grand-father of Peace Child in the USA. He raised \$100,000 and produced the Peace Child show in Washington DC in 1982 that launched Peace Child across the USA.

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## Peace Child Partners - APAS Madrid, Spain



Pedro Zugasti

This is one of Peace Child's oldest partners, way back from early Rescue Mission days. Our contact there is Pedro. Their magazine called 'APAS' circulates free-of-charge to schools, eco-groups and other individuals throughout Spain, quarterly. Pedro told us that APAS was started by a group of parents who were concerned that their children were not getting enough environmental and citizenship education at school. They decided to form APAS and ran the organisation out of their business offices. Pedro's firm is in charge of the lay out and design of the articles written and sent in by volunteers. They print the magazine using recycled paper at a very low cost and manage to save money to buy the stamps to post the magazines out to their increasing network. They get a little bit of money from the Spanish Government to carry out their activities. They have been circulating Peace Child material for over seven years now. Pedro has committed to publicise "Be the Change" throughout his network. He will contact schools and teachers to get them involved in the program.

- David Woolcombe

## Learn Your Rights in Peru

The whole team from Mision Rescate Planeta Tierra - Peru has been working against all odds over the past 10 months to co-ordinate this Peace Child initiative throughout Peru. This means along the Pacific coast, high up in the Andes and deep into the Amazonian jungle.

The Peruvian version of "Stand up for your Rights" has approximately 40 case studies or poems to give the book a Peruvian flavour. The team has also been busy making the Peruvian versions of the classroom posters and Teacher's Guide.

In order to be able to work throughout this vast and diverse country we have linked up principally with 2 NGO's - Instituto del Ciudadano and Pro Naturaleza.

The first workshops will be during November in Cusco and in the Manu National Park. Fifty teachers from approximately 30 different schools will be taking part in training workshops on how to use the book and the classroom posters. We look forward to seeing the results of this work in the classroom.

-Tom Jolly  
Mision Rescate Planeta Tierra  
Lima, Peru

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**Development Handbook:** Having worked on the HDR for over two years, our minds are full of theories about development. But we are still no closer to knowing exactly what development projects do in practice. So, as we get deeper into Be The Change! and realise that this is where we want to be going with Peace Child in the future, we felt it would be good to have a handbook to explain what

development professionals actually do in the field. This book will examine 10 case studies of real development projects happening around the world - interviewing the field professionals, talking to the local communities for whom the project is being done, and talking to the professional managers, to see how they do the day-to-day management of projects. The new book will show us in simple concrete terms the meaning of sustainable development.

Future Action Times will feature the stories of other faithful Peace Child network members. If you have a story about your group that you would like to tell, please send it to your regional desk (see news from the regional desks)

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