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The GOWC is a development education provider that operates in the West of Ireland. GOWC's aim is to empower people through education, direct action, networking, outreach and provision of resources to contribute to the creation of a world in which all people have equality of rights, opportunities and respect.

### **What aspects of Development Education (DE) are included in your work?**

Development Education itself is the focus of the One World Centre's work and Heike's remit is to operate the centre so that its staff and resources are used to the full in the attempt to provide Development Education Courses and Events in the Galway Region

### **Are you are involved in teaching courses with DE components?**

The Galway One World Centre provides the following types of course on development issues:

- In-service and pre service training for school teachers.
- Adult and community education courses.
- Facilitation and hosting of other organisations courses for example Debt and Development Coalition and the National Youth Council of Ireland.
- Pre volunteering anti racism training in conjunction with NUIG Alive programme.

### **Links or articles that might be of interest to other DERN members?**

The one world centre uses various training packs to aid the delivery of its courses. The Development focused educational material is both created in house, and sourced from a variety of other organisations. These organisations include; The National Youth Council of Ireland, Trocaire, Concern and several United Kingdom based DE centres.

Some of the training packs the OWC staff has been involved in creating include

'Training for Transformation' a community education pack created by Partners (which uses anti-racism training pieces devised by the OWC) and Comhlamh's pack on intercultural education.

**What other activities are you involved in that concern DE?**

All activities the OWC is involved in concern DE. The outreach events often reflect a wide interpretation of Development Education. These include cultural and entertainment events such as the Fiesta Maravillosa with which they celebrated Latin America Week, and the Galway African Film Festival. In recent years the centre has focused on the media - last year they organised the Media Moves conference on using the media for social change and this year they have organised a research project on the portrayal of majority world issues in local newspapers

**Recent events /Publications**

The One World Centre in a partnership project with students of the MA in Philosophy, Ethics and Global Change, has a booklet coming out in August 2008 'Changing Perspectives an exploration of the portrayals of the Majority World in the West of Ireland's local print media' To obtain a copy of this booklet contact [info@galwayowc.org](mailto:info@galwayowc.org)