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This term offers a lot of opportunities to help with planning for the new curriculum. First there's the global CPD day on 24th May at Inverness Town House where a wide variety of workshops will be on offer to help embed global citizenship across all 8 curriculum areas. For Early Years' practitioners and Probationary teachers there are more opportunities in Dingwall during May. The Consortium of Scottish Development Education Centres (DECs) which Highland One World Group is part of is also organising two national events during May in Coatbridge. More information on all of these is on page 4.

At long last the time is drawing near when all the resources available for loan (and sale) will be visible on the internet. How many times teachers have asked if they can browse the whole collection from their own computer! The new system is almost ready for launching – the web address is www.seedsforlearning.org.uk and the logo is on the right here. Also the supplement to the catalogue went out to all schools recently. If you would like more copies please let me know.

Last term's activities

1. The **Global Teacher Network** met in January with a very stimulating meeting on *school partnerships*. Lots of issues were raised. Longer report on page 3.
2. Work was done with several schools who focussed on **Fair Trade** during February. This is a thoughtful issue involving concepts of justice and equity which encourages active citizenship. More details on page 2.
3. Fair Trade fits so well with the **Eco-Schools programme** too. *Waste, Water, Food* as well as *Fair Trade* were topics at *St Joseph's* in March where the school is embedding their Eco-School themes in their curriculum. At the **Eco-Schools Conference** at Boat of Garten on 18th March entitled '*Love Highland culture: Live Green*' a work shop was offered to all participants making the links between us and other societies. Youngsters saw how similarities outweigh differences but also recognised that while we dislike generalised remarks about ourselves we can easily stereotype others! This was also an opportunity to use the **Eagle's Kingdom** simulation game. It was much appreciated. One teacher commented, '*It was good to see so much group discussion and decision making. They really enjoyed it and it ticks so many of the C for E boxes!*'



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4. The **Energy + Action = Change** project had several exciting developments last term – for pupils and staff. More schools have Climate Challenge Fund support now so there is a lot of sharing of ideas. More information on page 2.

5. **Other classroom sessions** – *Ferintosh Primary* had an *Africa Day* in March to support their school link within the curriculum. They were lucky that this tied in with a day an Oxfam visitor from Zimbabwe was in the Highlands. The children enjoyed a thoughtful question and answer session with the field worker. *Grantown Grammar School* won a two day stay at Badaguish where they aimed to take a global approach to their proposed **Eco-Schools programme**. Photographs were used to raise questions which helped all gathered to gain more understanding of what living more sustainably means, sustainability being one of the cross cutting themes.

6. Additional **CPD** At *Conon Bridge* and *Maryburgh* the issue explored was taking a global approach to *enterprise education*. *Coulhill Primary* staff was supported with resources and ideas for their *Global Week* (more on page 3). For *Forres Academy ASG* the session focussed on *school partnerships* within the curriculum. At *Avoch nursery cluster* transferrable activities were tried and tested to demonstrate an *inclusive approach to global citizenship* within whatever themes the children are suggesting.



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