



Every secondary school has received a free copy of **Exploring Archives** which is a fantastic set of four new teaching and learning resources to support creative citizenship education at key stages 3 and 4. Make sure you know where your copy is.

Exploring Archives takes 30 items from four London-based archive collections and considers how exactly a range of archival items can be used to support creative citizenship education.

The resource packs enable young people to explore and discuss some of the more challenging aspects of the citizenship curriculum that focus on issues such as globalisation, cultural diversity, inequality, human rights and the legacies of colonialism.

Each of the packs contains **30 colour image cards**, a **CD-Rom** and a **teachers' handbook**, comprising guidance notes and a range of suggested learning activities to help schoolteachers and other educators facilitate citizenship discussions.

Visit the website of Museums, Libraries and Archives London at www.mlalondon.org.uk for more information.

1001 Inventions – Science and Islam



A great new book, with website, teaching resources and large colour posters has been published that celebrates the Islamic contribution to science and everyday life. It is divided into sections on home, school, market, hospital, town world and universe. It is a brilliant

starting point for any teacher doing science to include a wider reference to history and culture allowing a global perspective to the development of science. The teaching resource is downloadable from the web, and includes activities and beautiful colour worksheets.

You can find our more at our website www.citizenship-pieces.org.uk



Tales of three generations of Bengalis in Britain: oral history project

The interviewing part of the project is almost completed and now we are concentrating on:-

- Developing learning resources for schools
- Book about the research
- Exhibition

HEC at PDC have kindly been assisting us with the design of the exhibition and we plan to launch it at the Museums in Docklands in September 2006 with a DVD of edited interviews.

If you want further information about the oral history project please contact **Julie at Swadhinata Trust c/o 50 b Greator Street London E1 5NP** or e-mail Julie@swadhinata.org.uk

**Dates for your diary
Autumn 2006**

21/09/06	Local Democracy and the Town Hall
26/09/06	Introduction to creating Digital Video
4/10/06	Using primary source evidence in History at key stages 3/4
8/11/06	Introducing global issues through Children's Literature
09/11/06	School linking: challenges and opportunities
16/11/06	Fair Trade and Social Enterprise
05/12/06	Using webquests to teach global issues

Story Tents

Story Tents are an oracy and global education resource designed and made by children from Tower Hamlets schools. Each tent pack consists of a tent designed to be put up in a classroom or school hall, a teacher's pack, log book and a collection of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to the theme of the tent.

Story Tents are now available on loan for one term from Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service.

There are now ten Story Tents available for loan:

- 1 tent on **Play and Games**
- 3 tents on **Homes**
- 3 tents on **Journeys**
- 3 tents on the **Environment**

New **Waste and Recycling Teepee** is available from September.

Story Tents can be ordered from the Schools Library Service either by phone on **020 7364 6428** or in person at the SLS front desk.

The **Humanities Education Centre** promotes the values, aims and principles of development education and global citizenship through all areas of education.

Our Aims are:-

- To provide opportunities for schools to raise standards through curriculum enrichment and giving young people a voice.
- To promote a global perspective and understanding of sustainable development in the context of an interdependent system of lands and people.
- To engender an appreciation and celebration of the richness of cultural diversity in our, and other communities.
- To maintain and develop the resources to support curriculum development and provide in-service training and advice to teachers.
- To raise awareness among young people of the causes of injustice and inequality in a local, national and international context and to instil an understanding and empathy for oppressed peoples.



Global Footprints

Promoting global learning in schools

In the news...

St Paul's Way students help launch white paper

The Department for International Development launched their white paper **'Eliminating world poverty: making governance work for the poor'**. This announced its plans for spending over the next five years, focusing on promoting peace, tackling corruption and supporting free basic education and healthcare.



St Pauls Way students voting for spending issues as Minister for International Development, Hilary Benn MP, looks on.

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Jim Fitzpatrick with Tower Hamlets school children launching a new film for primary school councils.

Local MP Launches Tower Hamlets Film on School Democracy

'Developing a Pupil Voice' has been launched at the House of Commons and City Hall. This exciting new Tower Hamlets film aims to help primary school children run their schools. The film was made by Tower Hamlets City Learning Centre in partnership with the Humanities Education Centre (HEC).

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Project Hits Newham

'Lines in the Sand' the HEC project funded by DfID has been so successfully trialled in Royal Docks Community School, in Newham, that they have decided to implement it as a module in their set curriculum for Year 9 English.

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(Pictured right)

Dan Jones from Amnesty International talking to students on child rights in Bangladesh at Royal Docks Human Rights class conference as part of Lines in the Sand.



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Eight students from St Paul's Way Community School Youth Forum made speeches for spending money as part of Britain's aid budget on the issues health, education, water and integrity. Their audience was Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State for International Development, his staff and the press. After the speeches a mock ballot was held to decide which area should be treated as a priority for spending.

Hilary Benn MP was interviewed by the students who were then shown around Westminster by Tim Levitt MP, Private Parliamentary Secretary to Hilary Benn.

HEC is creating a lesson resource, using DfID materials, for exploring these spending issues which will go on-line on www.globalfootprints.org during the summer.

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The film follows the head teacher of Thomas Buxton Junior School, Brian Walton, as he works with his school council creating a constitution and electing a new council. In the film, the children visited and interviewed politicians at the House of Commons and City Hall to research democracy.

The film was launched at Westminster by Jim Fitzpatrick MP, as he hosted a visit of teachers and children from fourteen Tower Hamlets Primary Schools as part of an INSET organised by HEC.

"For a healthy democracy it is vital that our children learn how government works, but more importantly that they learn how to take an active part in their schools and communities." Jim Fitzpatrick said.

The teachers were learning how to use school visits to Parliament and City Hall as part of citizenship education. In the afternoon they visited City Hall as guests of John Biggs, GLA Assembly Member, where they watched and discussed the new film. The school children took part in an active citizenship workshop led by the London Mayor's Children's Unit.

The training day is part of a series of termly sessions for Primary School Teachers organised by HEC. Next term they will be exploring local government, visiting the Town Hall and meeting the Mayor.

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Anthony Cartwright Royal Docks Head of English along with Michael Newman from HEC, presented the project to Newham English Department Heads from some 10 schools, and described how it can be used in English. Anthony, along with John Newman from the Newham bookshop and Parents' Centre, has been developing reading texts and activities to accompany the Lines in the Sand project.

The project allows students to act as United Nations' human rights detectives, called Special Rapporteurs. They carry out research, make presentations, argue a case, interview experts, create a report and design a creative activity to promote the issues. On-line resources and support can be found on HEC's Global Footprints website (www.globalfootprints.org).

Latest Highlights on the Humanities Education Centre's Websites



www.citizenship-pieces.org.uk

The front page displays a regularly updated list of citizenship events and activities link to young people which are taking place in Tower Hamlets and across the UK.

For instance, there is information about a free training day for children under 17 on children's rights, parliament, lobbying and getting your voice heard. Tuesday 22nd August in London, 10 - 4:30. There are only 20 free places available. You can also download an excellent report by **Changemakers** which gives examples of young people from different faiths and ethnic groups contributing to their communities through social enterprise.



www.eastendtalking.org.uk

Help us develop our new section, "Our World"!

We all have stories telling how we came to be together in this place, at this time. Some of our families have lived in London for generations, others came more recently. Tell us your story.

Send your story and images to:
Email: michael.o'meara@towerhamlets.gov.uk or talk to Michael on 020 7364 6405



www.globalfootprints.org

What could you do to help change the world?

Encourage your pupils to have a look at, and contribute to, the 'Get Active' section of the site. There are ideas for what to do in school, at home and by yourself.

If you click on the 'For Yourself' page, you will find suggestions from years 1-5 pupils in Tower Hamlets about what they would do to change the world. Visitors to the site can complete the suggestion form and send their ideas for action to the Global Footprints team to add to the list.

St. Paul's Way Youth Forum



Interviewing Year 7 students after the 'Big Ears' Friday afternoon when only Year 7 students were at the school being listened to by staff members about their views on the school and its future.

St Pauls Way Youth Forum have been trained by HEC's peer trainer Zina Lewis to run workshops for their feeder primary schools. They have run a morning at Clara Grant Primary School, and are now being trained to support the primary council that has recently been elected. Their school link staff for feeder primary schools has expressed enthusiasm for the forum going into other primary schools.

Forum members helped run a training day for students from the recently created Morpeth School council at the PDC, framed by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Forum has also been doing a joint project with Tower Hamlets City Learning Centre and HEC, creating a website, making films, posters and a newsletter to promote the student voice in the school. They interviewed the Director of Standards and School Development, Terry Parkin, and edited it into clips for their website.

Members of the Forum are being trained by HEC to take part in the UN two day conference, organised by Mulberry School. The conference is based on countries at the UN discussing international policies and treaties on anti-personnel mines.



St Paul's Way School Youth Forum member running a workshop at Clara Grant Primary School.

HEC on Teachers TV



Michael Newman running an assembly on children's rights as filmed for Teacher's TV.

A set of three programmes on human rights is being made for Teachers TV to be broadcast in September. They feature Cherie Booth QC in her role as a human rights barrister being interviewed by primary and secondary children. HEC's work with children's rights in primary schools will be featured, including a Key Stage 2 assembly on rights using the image of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein to kick start ideas about rights and being human.

See our website for a case study of HECs work on rights:
www.citizenship-pieces.org.uk
(under school councils and Manorfield section)

Swanlea Students Work Experience at HEC

HEC hosts school students for work experience, as well as young volunteers who work on projects and administration.

The work experience pupils designed and put up a display in the café promoting Fair Trade, used the software indexing system for the library, used multi-media software and hardware, visited a school to see a film-making workshop in action, did research into global citizenship issues, assisted with the administration, and created a picture diary of their experience.

In the picture...



HEC promoting Fairtrade at 'Tower Hamlets Year 7 Knock-out Football Tournament'. Free drinks provided by Waitrose.