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Moving Towards One World

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One World Week's 2012 theme asks how we can shape our lives to contribute to an equitable future for all

Who takes part?

Local community groups, inter faith groups, schools, environmentalists, churches, universities, chaplaincies, youth groups, campaigners, religious and voluntary organisations, people from all faiths and none.

They plan local activities together that are accessible yet challenging to their community.

Indeed, everyone is welcome who wants to make a difference and subscribes to OWW's vision:

"People working together to build a just, peaceful and sustainable world"

What?

Any event you would like to organise around the theme!

Last year, events happened in places as diverse as nurseries, cathedrals, cafes, factories and libraries. They included displays about climate change, inspiring talks, fairtrade fetes, football matches, vigils, acts of worship, discussions, quiz nights, films, global meals, international parties, inter faith activities and many more.

When?

One World Week is usually the week including October 24th (UN Day). This year it is 21st – 28th October but you can celebrate it at any time.

Get involved...

Get others to help you in 'active togetherness' as you plan local activities around: 'Sharing Destiny - Moving towards One World'.

Register your upcoming events on our website: www.oneworldweek.org

OWW will support you with:

- inspiration and fun ideas
- resources you can download and print
- news of events
- guidelines for working across faiths
- 'Piecing Together One World' – a handbook for taking local action for global justice

Previous event organisers said:

"One World Week is a trigger for me to act"

"It's a reminder of what is possible when communities can work together for social justice"

"We stand at a critical moment in Earth's history, a time when humanity must choose its future."

(These quotations are from The Earth Charter)

We all wonder what the world's coming to and what the future holds for our children.

How can we cope with a warming world, declining resources, growing inequality and unrest?

"To move forward we must recognize that in the midst of a magnificent diversity of cultures and life forms we are one human family and one earth community with a common destiny."

Living and working together with people of many cultures and abilities not only enriches our lives but enables us to find shared ways of surviving as

one world. Our economies, natural environment and societies are increasingly interwoven.

Can we co-operate to move towards a global society, which adapts to change while:

- balancing the needs of nature, economy and society;
- respecting universal human rights and economic justice;
- building a culture of peace?

Do we accept that only by working together to meet these challenges can we share equitably the legacy we have received with our descendants?

"Towards this end, it is imperative that we, the peoples of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations."

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a member of Bond, Cyfanfyd, Stop Climate Chaos, Think Global, Trade Justice Movement & the European Global Education Week Network.

Use One World Week to address issues raised in:

- The UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)
- The International Year of Co-operatives
- The International Year of Sustainable Energy for All

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