



One World Link

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Mini Grant Application



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"Ferne Bear" mascot of Ferncumbe Primary School, Warwick, arrives in Bo, Sierra Leone.

His cousin "Britannia" is to be adopted by Kakua Primary School, Njai Town Bo.

YU GO CHAM FOH POHSIN, BOHT YU NOH GO SWALA FOH-RAM.
 (Sierra Leone Krio Proverb - You can chew for a person, but you can't swallow for him)

**Development Awareness Fund
Mini Grant Application for Period June 2004 to April 2007**

Details of Applying Organisation

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Contact Person	John Myers, Secretary
Main Aim	This community link was formed in 1981 in order to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise knowledge and understanding of each others ways of life • To break down respective barriers of prejudice and ignorance • to campaign for more justice in trade and aid relationships
Nature of Organisation	We are a registered charity best described as a community group. We have no paid staff. We have a membership of 80 and an annually elected committee. We rely entirely on the voluntary commitment of committee and members. Many of these are community leaders and or activists in other roles.
Main Activities	Individual, School, Community, and Public Service Links to personalise and particularise the above aims. Cultural, educational and campaign events and displays for particular groups and the public to stimulate interest and awareness

Details of Project that Funding is applied for

Working Name and area of need	"Root and Branch". To establish a sustainable district wide framework/(committed group of facilitators for development awareness to meet new demand and reach new groups within the community such as young people, disabled people, and ethnic minorities.
General strategy and time span	The project will be developed in three annual inter-connected phases, with each year focussing on a different sector of the community.. The first phase will commence in September 2004. The project will operate on a grass roots upwards principle with the first phase concentrating on schools, youth, and community groups, the second on the local authority, and the third on other public services and the business community. The aim will be to develop a coherent level of development awareness throughout the communities of Warwick District.. It will be sustained by voluntary effort or existing staff of stakeholder groups. The possibility of continuation funding from a number of donors will be also be addressed. The programme will make substantial use of new media. The first phase will aim a) to create new and significant partnership activities between groups of young people Warwick with similar groups in Bo and b) to establish an effective network between these groups, and other bodies engaged in similar endeavours so that shared knowledge and shared activities occur. The worker for the first phase will have community work and educational skills, first hand knowledge of Sierra Leone, and a commitment to the ethos of North-South Linking.
Estimated cost	£10,000 for each phase making a total of £30,000. One World Link will commit at least £1,000 for each phase. The major cost in each phase will be the employment of a facilitator on a short term contract, with attendant office, communication, travel, and material costs.

BACKGROUND

Warwick District

Warwick District is on the periphery of the West Midlands Region and there is no concerted or extensive development education activity in the Warwick District Area.

An organisation called Warwickshire World Studies Centre based in the District tried to perform this role, but it folded due to lack of funds and volunteers several years ago.

Warwick District has a significant mix of cultural groups, especially in the main town of Leamington Spa. The 1991 Census revealed that in the District there was a higher proportion of residents born outside the UK (7.8%) compared with the county average of 5%. There were also a higher percentage of ethnic minority residents with 5.6% compared with the county average of 3%. It also has a culturally homogenous hinterland of 40 villages. There are many local groups with an international focus, but little co-operation between them..

The Main Participants

This bid is made in association with Brookhurst, Ferncumbe, St Anthony's, and St Mary's Primary Schools, The African Caribbean Project, the Warwick District Action 21 Local to Global Group, and the Community Art Workshop. It is supported by The Warwickshire County Council Education Department, and The Birmingham DEC. Further information about the participants and their commitment is given in Appendix 2.

One World Link – project leader

One World Link is a community based group which focuses on a specific link between Warwick District and Bo in Sierra Leone. Its constitution states " OWL is established to maintain links between Bo District Sierra Leone and Warwick District UK with the aim of advancing education, and improving facilities for health care and other community purposes of a charitable nature (alleviating poverty) in Bo District, and the encouragement of development education in Warwick District by such means as shall be so calculated to achieve this aim for the general benefit of the community of the said Districts."

Through our relationship with Bo we have had nine visitors from Sierra Leone in the past two years who have been willing to visit and engage with schools and community groups to stimulate and impart awareness. Our knowledge of the daily living of people in Bo sharpens our appreciation of how trade rules can impinge on others. It provides a context for learning on a variety of issues relating to development, human rights, and the relationship between the developed and developing worlds.

When people visit Sierra Leone through the link, they become part of the community and of family life there. They have found this to be a profound experience, and it has often led on to a greater commitment on their part to "local to global" activity. Only a few ever experience this; but their experience has been shared by wider groups of family, friends, and colleagues. Many more people meet our visitors from Bo, and others have formed pen friendships with people in Bo.

We were formed in 1981 and have been a registered charity since 1988. We have no paid staff; but we have made use of volunteers for specific tasks. We have no plan to employ staff on a permanent basis; but believe that paid and unpaid workers will be invaluable in achieving specific short term goals. For example one volunteer was employed to set up an information resource about Sierra Leone within the local public library. We already co-operate with the following organisations. Leamington Elders Action Project, Community Arts Workshop, Royal Leamington Spa Rotary Club, the Leamington Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque, The South Warwickshire Volunteer Forum, Bath Place Community Venture, Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs, Amnesty International, and the Leamington Trade Justice Group. We have a looser relationship with many other community groups. We are formally recognised by the Council of Voluntary Service, the Leamington Town, Warwick District, and Warwickshire County Councils.

Our challenge is to capitalise on the 23 years of our existence and to use our connections and commitment established during that time to raise awareness more widely and in a more structured way. The DFID mini-grant would help us to achieve that.

African Caribbean Project

A close partner in this programme will be the African Caribbean Project. Their mission is the advancement of education amongst Africans, African Caribbean's and those of African Caribbean mixed 'race' origin within Warwickshire and the provision of recreational facilities and service provision to the community in particular those persons who have need of them by reason of there social and economic circumstance.

The ACP was established in March 1992 and is a registered charity situated in Old Town Leamington Spa. It is a community run organisation which addresses proactively issues of community isolation and lack of

appropriate service provision. Its range of services address issues of social exclusion, promote greater understanding within the local community, and increase the capacity and social development of the African, African Caribbean and 'mixed race' community. It seeks to engage directly with the community. Examples of service are: - Job shop for unemployed adults - Outreach for people who are isolated - W.I.S.E. group for African Caribbean and mixed race elders - Mentoring Scheme for young people - 2 Youth Clubs Training: OCN accredited training programme with units for parents/carers, social care professionals and volunteers, all looking at issues relating to life and work within black and mixed race communities. We run other workshops, internally and externally on a variety of 'race' related topics. We also have a community health worker who is developing some personal development and health awareness workshops.

ACP has a positive relationship with One World Link. It has welcomed the Sierra Leonean visitors to the District, included OWL in its Open Day, supported OWL public events, and given advice from time to time. The main objectives of its collaboration with One World Link in this project are

- To enable black people of all ages to make a positive contribution to the community friendship link
- To further the awareness of black history
- To widen and deepen the understanding of people involved with our project of the values, achievements, and predicaments of black people elsewhere in the world.
- To promote a socially inclusive approach to linking activities

In order to achieve this

ACP will work with the appointed "root and branch" project worker

ACP will participate in the appointment of an appropriate worker

ACP will employ a sessional worker to do joint work with the project worker as budgeted.

6 workshops will be held to introduce an awareness of Bo, Sierra Leone, linking and north/south relationship issues.

Anyone who does not participate in the workshops will receive written and graphic materials.

The project worker will participate in bringing an African element into black history month activities.

ACP members/users will participate in the creation of audio/visual, IT, graphic, and internet materials

At least one visitor from Bo will spend at least one day a week at the ACP for the duration of their visit in furtherance of these aims.

The ACP will support and advise the project worker on the work with schools and other community groups.

Rationale

The proposed programme has an interconnected and interdependent set of objectives. Although focussing on young people in the first phase they will build on existing grassroots initiatives. If they are successful they will make the difference between piecemeal and isolated pockets of activity and a coherent community based whole that has common concerns and purposes. A whole community link with one other place in the world has some unique advantages in developing a rounded personalised and lasting awareness of global issues. It brings international understanding down to a personal level whilst keeping the broader picture clearly in mind. It is also essential that it connects to others in the community who have connections elsewhere (Central America) and to issue based groups such as Amnesty, Trade Justice, Farming, Trade Unions, REC, and Refugee Council.

Why Now? Since the end of the Civil War in Sierra Leone, One World Link has generated a lot of interest and expectation in the local community, and many global issues have been exemplified. This swell of sympathy needs to be harnessed and put to constructive ends. The OWL website documents this.

The need for children to learn about and prepare themselves for life in a "global village" is increasingly recognised.

The maintenance of an office or centre for Development Awareness requires capital to purchase resources and revenue income for staffing of the centre, updating and maintenance of resources, rental and so on. Although such provision may be ideal, there are ways in which a "virtual DEC" can be created by good co-operation between different agencies and appropriate and imaginative use of new media. For example, OWL has donated books and other resources to the Leamington Library who house them together and make them publicly available. The Leamington Elders Action Project, designed and service the One World Link web site. The use of internet, intranet, and CDs/DVDs, is cheaper, more flexible, more updateable, and becoming more accessible for all groups in society.

However, there is no point in having a "virtual DEC" unless it is reflecting and supporting real activity in the community. It will be the icing on the cake of this project. The cake will be the achievements in the schools and wider community

The "Root and Branch" PROJECT

This application is for funding to address the need to establish a sustainable district wide framework for development awareness to meet new demand and reach new groups within the community such as ethnic minorities, young people.. The outcome will be a self sustaining, inclusive, effective, and dynamic network of development awareness activity throughout the whole community. It will be based on the philosophy and practice of community north/south linking. It will maximise the use of new technologies.

Project Proposal for Phase One

This is the essential phase to establish a network of committed facilitators and activists by working closely with the chosen target and their leaders and teachers. The focus will be on schools and community groups

Phase One Objectives

Learning Objectives. The overall learning objective will be to help people to develop sufficient understanding of the cultural, social, and economic lives of people in our linked community of Bo to gain or reinforce a commitment to the importance of global interdependence based on co-operation, and just relationships. They will have opportunities to enjoy and value cultural diversity, and to address global issues such as human rights, sustainable development, and the causes and remedies for poverty. These learning objectives will be differentiated according to the age, perspective, and current level of understanding of the various participant groups. Examples of this are given in Appendix 1. These learning objectives will underpin all the following objectives

Primary Objectives

1. **Primary schools** in co-operation with the African Caribbean Project, and with the support and advice of Warwickshire LEA, West Midlands TIDE (DEC) and The British Council to establish a mutual and effective educational objective for linked primary schools in Warwick and Bo Districts.
To this end, at least four primary schools (identified on page 4) will a) have formulated an action plan of how their link will contribute to the National Curriculum especially in global citizenship and how they will propose to co-operate with their linked school b) every class will have spent one session with the project worker and had an opportunity to see and hear a visitor from Bo c) children in selected classes in each school will have done work related to their link according to their action plan, d) each school will have made their activities known to the whole school community, e) a set of practical educational materials and class-work modules to support this will have been made available in a variety of media f) an inter-school support group of teachers, pupils, parents, and governors will have been initiated g) a group of teachers will have been identified in Warwick and in Bo with a view to a reciprocal visit under a consortium arrangement.

2. **BME youth groups in** partnership with the African Caribbean Project to facilitate the formation of at least two new youth and disabled group links between Warwick and Bo involving people who have not traditionally been involved. Other possible collaborators are the Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs, and the Warwickshire Council of the Disabled who have both expressed an interest.
To this end, the majority of ACP, staff, trustees, volunteers and users will have had an introduction to the community of Bo, its people, its structure, its economy, politics, values and ways of life, home life, education, pastimes, problems and issues etc. and the nature and purpose of linking
ACP will have formulated a position statement on where it stands with regard to its relationship as members of a UK ethnic minority with other black people who are the majority in their own countries
At least one group of young people within ACP or its target population will have made progress to form a link with a counterpart group in Bo
At least one black person will have been identified to ensure that the voice of black people in the local community is heard in the policy and practice of local development awareness activities especially in linking activities.
That a principle will have been formed and will be observed that all Development Awareness work must be sensitive to and contribute to social inclusion and valuing of diversity within our own communities.
At least one other community group will have received at least one workshop with a view to engaging in linking activity.

3. **A virtual DEC** In co-operation with the Local Action 21 "Local to Global" Group, to consolidate, intensify, and extend the network of individuals and community groups who are involved in aspects of global citizenship. Many local groups are involved with different parts of the world. Communication and co-operation will be improved in order to increase Development Awareness Activity. A strategy will be formed to advance sustainability issues in the work of all associated groups.
- To this end, At least one member of all identifiable local groups with an international focus will have subscribed to the local2global website egroup, and the egroup will be being used to communicate information. The local2global website will have links to all local groups that have websites and to other relevant websites, and contain a description and contact details for all other groups. A representative group will have been formed to plan at least one annual event on a global citizenship/poverty reduction theme. The first event will take place as part of this project.

Subsidiary Objectives

1. The Project will make full effective use of new media including Information Technology, Internet, Digital photography, Audio-video, Local and Community radio. Collaborators will be Community Arts Workshop, Leamington Elders Action Project, African Caribbean Project, Local to Global
2. The Project will involve Bo Citizens, by bringing them here, and giving them roles for a short period. They will have a programme with clearly defined tasks and objectives to capitalise on this asset

To facilitate these objectives a part time worker will be engaged on a six month part-time contract by a tendering process. He or she will have community work and educational skills, first hand knowledge of Sierra Leone, and a commitment to the ethos of North-South Linking. She/he will work in co-operation with a staff member of the African Caribbean project and identified volunteer workers from One World Link.

Methodology

The main emphasis will be on facilitating the growth of autonomous activity within a co-operative network. Community Work skills will be employed to build on the work that has already been done by One World Link and other groups. In approaching new audiences use will be made of Participatory Appraisal Techniques or other appropriate methods.

For the work with schools, staff and students will participate in setting goals and the development of materials. Networking skills will be used to co-ordinate the work in paragraph 4.

All activities will be mirrored in each community as appropriate to local circumstances e.g. objective defining and resource finding workshops of teachers have already taken place in Bo and will be mirrored in Warwick.

Evaluation

The most important indicators will be the number of new people who commence active involvement in linking activities or issue based "campaigns"; and the range and nature of activities commenced under the four primary objectives above.

Other indicators will be: -

- the number of people who attend workshops and meetings,
- the number of individual and group contacts.
- the learning outcomes for those people.

The Project Worker will keep records accordingly, and will use evaluation sheets for feedback whenever possible.

Evaluation sheets will specify learning outcomes in terms of knowledge, skills, and attitude change. This will be supplemented by personal or telephone evaluation interviews. Two review meetings open to all parties will be held, one at the end of 2004 and another in March 2005. The final review meeting evaluate the problems and successes of the project so far. The findings will then contribute to the programmes for subsequent years and will be used to modify plans for Phases two and three. A final report will be compiled by One World Link.

Future Programme. The detail of this will depend upon annual evaluations; but it will continue a strategy of building on existing strengths and developments. Significant progress on linking women's groups, and on local authority links has already been made. Phase 2 is likely to concentrate in these areas with a focus on micro-credit, capacity building, and sustainable development.

It is also hoped to interest the local business community in a diamond mining for social benefit scheme initiated in Bo. This with projects in health and other public service areas are the likely focus for Phase 3.

Resources

The most important resource for this project will be human. A part time worker will be engaged on a fixed term contract. One World Link will also fund the travel and accommodation for two citizens from Bo who will contribute in person for a three week period. A sessional worker will also be employed by the African Caribbean Project to work in co-operation with the project worker. One World Link will provide substantial voluntary assistance, e.g. a teaching materials work-group, a community networking volunteer, a regular newsletter. OWL undertakes to sustain the initiatives in the future.

The other main resource will be the production of audio-visual and information technology material. In so far as possible volunteer labour or workers employed by other community groups out of other funding will be used; but a budget for both materials and expert labour needs to be determined. Budgets for rental of premises for the worker and for workshops, and for worker expenses including stationery, telephone and travel will be required.

“ROOT and BRANCH” PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2004-05

ITEM	DETAILS	COST
Human resources	One project worker on a 500 hour contract over a 6 month period 50 hours for African Caribbean Project co-worker employed on a sessional basis	£5,000 £ 500
Administration	Room rental, telephone, travel, post, stationery etc	£1,000
New media production costs	Employment of CAW technical adviser for 10 days at £150 per day	£1,500
Materials	For educational modules, packs, CDs, Videos, displays	£ 500
Equipment	Hire or purchase, any purchased equipment would be donated to a partner group at end of project	£ 500
6 workshops	Hire of premises and facilities	£ 600
1 event	Hire of premises and facilities	£ 500
	TOTAL OF ELIGIBLE EXPENSES	£10,100.00
	Contribution by One World Link	£1,100
	TOTAL GRANT APPLIED FOR	£9,000
	To further this project One World Link will contribute a further amount to pay for the travel and hosting of 2 citizens of Bo to participate at £,2000, and will supply voluntary workers to assist	
	Total One World Link Expenditure	£3,100

Application submitted on behalf of One World Link by John Myers Secretary

Signed

5th February 2004

APPENDICES (1. Example Learning Objectives 2. Participant Groups/Supporting Letters)

Appendix 1 - Learning Objectives

Learning Objectives for Linked Primary Schools in Warwick District, England and Bo in Sierra Leone:

- An understanding and sense of their place in home, school, local community, country, and the wider world.
- Exploration of similarities and differences in way of life, race, culture, past history, resources and religions, so contributing to mutual understanding, respect for others and self esteem.
- Introduction to environmental and development issues and their effect on the quality of life.

These objectives will help the schools deliver a global dimension and other aspects of the national curriculum.

Learning Objectives for Youth Groups

The learning objectives will depend in many respects on the perspective and starting point of each group.

It is expected that any activities undertaken would lead to increased social awareness and a greater knowledge and understanding of another culture and of our own society.

Questions of cultural and racial identity, and common concerns about the world we live in would be addressed.

Personal confidence, leadership, team work, and joint decision making would be enhanced.

A potential area for learning would be through an interchange between youth groups in Bo and Warwick using information technology that would be mutually beneficial in learning about each other and in developing computer based skills; but this would depend on the decision of young people themselves.

Learning Objectives for the African Caribbean Project

To further the awareness of black history

To widen and deepen the understanding of people involved with the project of the values, achievements, and predicaments of black people elsewhere in the world especially in Africa.

To gain skills in relating to people who are racially similar but have different cultures

Learning Objectives for Women's Groups

An understanding of the familial, social, economic, and political roles and status of women within Sierra Leonian Society

An appreciation of the potential and desirability for change

An understanding of how micro-credit schemes advance the self reliance and social roles of women and their potential for poverty reduction, and of the problems of implementing and sustaining such schemes. This will be exemplified by observation and support for the Kayoma Women's Group scheme.

A more general understanding of the culture and economy of Sierra Leone, and its place in an increasingly globalised arena.

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Learning Objectives for other community groups

The basic learning objective for all new group will be the same. That is to gain an understanding of the lives and culture of people living in a developing country with a view to entering into a relationship with a similar group in Bo. Beyond that the learning objectives will be determined by the perspective and needs of the particular group.

The ultimate learning objective will be to have a better understanding of north/south relationships , an appreciation what needs to be done to overcome the inherent problems, and a commitment to contributing to the solutions.

Appendix 2

Participant Groups (letters of support are quoted,)

The Local to Global Group

is a network for people in Warwick District who have an interest in international issues.

It is a forum that allows people to share experiences, help and advise each other and provide information and news. It aims to promote more practical work in Warwick District on International issues. It can be used as a resource to share web pages, articles and other information; to help with the organisation and promotion of events; to help with fundraising; to organise social events; and to just get together!

It is in the process of gathering resources that will be useful for Local to Global work. It has started a collection of Internet resources, as well as a diary of events that are happening locally, nationally and internationally. Anyone is welcome to join the group.

Dear John, **Re: Support for Root and Branch Project**

I would be grateful if you would forward this letter with your application for funding under DFID's Development Awareness Fund Scheme.

Owl have an excellent reputation in the Warwick District Local Area as a thriving community group and one which maintains a link between our community and Bo in Sierra Leone in many different ways.

The aims of Warwick District One World Link are very compatible with those of Action 21, especially our local to global project which we have worked on in partnership.

The Root and Branch project is very appropriate for our local area and I believe Warwick District OWL are the organisation best placed to lead on it. I look forward to working in partnership with Warwick District OWL through the course of this project

*May I wish you the best of luck with your application, Yours sincerely,
Jenny Sansom Sustainability Officer - Action 21 Ltd*

Community Arts Workshop

Has workshop and exhibition space in central Leamington Spa

CAW is:

- Informal and organised. Developing positive social change through creativity. Providing affordable and accessible arts facilities and opportunities for all. Regenerating the community using grass roots social enterprise.

The CAW Community Media centre facilitates:

- Video production. Music and radio production. Graphic art and muralism. Exhibition and display. Creative writing and publishing. Community events and workshops

CAW's list of activities is constantly expanding; in addition to the above CAW also:

- Manages festivals, gigs and community events. Runs open mic events for drama, poetry and live music. Mentors local people in their own individual projects. Supports local community and voluntary groups through art provision.

Subj: *Bid*

Date: *05/02/04 09:56:46 GMT Standard Time*

From: *janedobie@hotmail.com*

To: *mailto:JMyers4544@aol.comJMyers4544@aol.com*

Dear John,

Please accept this email as confirmation that CAW fully supports your bid to the development awareness fund. CAW is a not for profit company, that looks to regenerate and support social activity for the benefit of communities through creative activities.

Please let me know if you require any further information and i look forward to hearing from you soon, best regards, Jane Dobie, General Manager, Community Arts Workshop Ltd

Leamington Elders Action Project

has established a Resource Centre in Leamington Spa which will offers voluntary organisations and the community:-

- advice and guidance in the use of information technology to assist people who are elderly or who have a disability
- a 'help point' for information about computer and learning resources available for older people

- a 'showcase' facility to encourage interest in training and development of IT skills in all members of the local community
 - help with design of posters, leaflets, computer presentations, web-site design and many other projects
- LEAP designed and maintains the One World Link Website. It has expressed an interest in helping to develop CDs and other IT based material for use in schools.

Bath Place Community Venture

The main aims of Bath Place Community Venture are to enable local people to gain access to facilities, support information and education. It seeks particularly to empower people who, because of poverty and/or prejudice, are generally denied access to participation and power elsewhere.

Bath Place aims to work in an anti-sexist, anti-racist way and to challenge attitudes and practices which discriminate against lesbians and gay men, and on the basis of class, race, nationality, age, gender, disability, marital status, or responsibility for dependants.

Its values are expressed in support work for individuals, and encouragement of self-help groups and a range of community projects and activities.

An event for International Women's Day 2003, stimulated interest for a women's group to link with Kayoma Women's Group Bo. OWL's co-operation with BPCV is on going.

Schools

Ferncumbe Primary School is a small village school of 80 pupils. It is linked with Kakua Primary School which is in a semi rural situation in Bo District. So far there has been an interchange of children's letters and audio tapes between the 2 schools. Ferncumbe's school mascot was sent on a visit to Bo before Christmas, and the children are now writing stories of his adventures in Bo

Brookhurst Primary School is a two form entry school in North Leamington linked to UBC Primary School in Bo. The main activity so far has been in year 5. A class created booklet has been sent to Bo and a similar booklet received. Audio tapes have been exchanged, and Brookhurst has a video record of a play put on by UBC pupil depicting the impact of the civil war on the school and the process of reconciliation.

St Anthony's is a single form entry Catholic Primary School in South Leamington linked to St Francis Primary in Bo. St Anthony's has raised money for new latrines in the Bo school, and is starting to pilot class lessons based on Bo.

St Mary's is a small Catholic Primary School in Warwick linked with Holy Rosary Primary in Bo. It has raised money for its sister school and has started to learn about Bo through work in one class and school assembly.

Warwickshire County Council LEA

OWL has been liaising with Education Officers on its work in schools for over 2 years. It has received the following letter of support

To Whom It May Concern:

Development Awareness Fund Mini-Grant Application June 2004 – April 2007

One World Link – "Root and Branch"

Warwickshire LEA is committed to developing an international dimension to school activity. All schools are encouraged to proactively celebrate the ethnic, cultural and linguistic diversity of communities globally.

The LEA works with One World Link (OWL) to make schools aware of opportunities for global school linking.

We are therefore happy to support this mini-grant application in principle and will continue to work with OWL in promoting international activity to schools.

Yours sincerely,

Rohini Corfield

Education Officer (Race Equality)

Judith Berry

European Development Officer

West Midlands TIDE These proposals have been discussed at a meeting with Scott Sinclair of the West Midlands DEC who confirmed that they are in keeping with Enabling Essential Support. As a result of this meeting OWL has become a member of TIDE

Cont.

The British Council, Sierra Leone

OWL has had close co-operation with the British Council in Freetown, and has received the following letter of support.

"To Whom It May Concern 31 January 2004

Dear Colleague,

Application to Development Awareness Mini-Grant fund by One World Link Warwick

I am writing in support of the application for funding by the Bo-Warwick link group. The proposal is detailed and self-explanatory, so I will not repeat its contents here. I write to say that the British Council has facilitated this community link for some time, both with logistical help at the Sierra Leone end as well as modest funding from my local budget for airfares.

This is without doubt the most dynamic and productive community link of those I have seen both here and in Nigeria. Its proposals on primary school education material are very much in keeping with the aims of the Windows on the World (North-South School Linking programme) sponsored by UK public bodies. Other elements of the proposal serve to include women's groups and other community groups in mutual support projects.

I will continue to give what help I can from my local budget, but this is perforce small. Funding from the grant applied for will be invaluable in supporting the considerable and unpaid efforts of members of both communities. I very much hope that you will be able to help.

Yours sincerely,

Rajiv Bendre Director Sierra Leone British Council"

The Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs

Arno House, 63 Willes Road

Leamington Spa, CV31 1BN

The Association works to improve the quality of life of young people between the ages of 11 and 25 by developing their physical, mental, and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to their full maturity as caring and responsible members of society. We work directly with young people, regardless of age, sex or ability.

One World Link is in on going discussions with WAYC's Director and Environmental Youth Worker with a view to introducing an international dimension into local youth club activities. One possible goal would be to work towards a Commonwealth Youth Exchange with Bo. OWL's activities have been featured in the WAYC Newsletter.

The Warwickshire Council of Disabled People

The Council of Disabled People (CDP) is a Charity organisation that exists to promote and realise the interests of Disabled people regardless of class, colour, race, sexuality, gender and/or age. By Disabled people we intend anyone who has a physical and/or sensory impairment, labelled as learning disabled, mental health users and survivors, people with HIV positive status and other hidden impairments and/or conditions. The Council of Disabled (CDP) encourages the inclusion of Disabled people in the general community and it also provides services directly to Disabled people. CDP is a Disability rights provider.

They have been eager to pursue a link between disabled person in each community. There is a positive interest in Bo for this. However, at present they are facing a serious funding problem; but the Director has written to say *"Go ahead but you need to know that CDP is in a crisis and I am concentrating on seeing how I can sustain it so it doesn't disappear. I suggest you go ahead and if all else fails I will link you in with what's left."*