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To: All Heads of Secondary Schools (State and Non-State) and Sections

From: Mr Edward Gilson, Education Officer - Geography

Subject: Global Education Week 2011



In collaboration with the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity, more commonly known as the **North South Centre** of the Council of Europe, the Curriculum Management and eLearning Department, within the Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education (DQSE) will once again be celebrating **Global Education Week** (GEW) during the third week of November (**14th to 18th Nov. 2011**). Malta, through the DQSE, has been participating in this Global and Development Education Project since 1999.

Themes tackled so far include: *'Youth for Change'*, *'Youth against Conflict – Youth for Peace'*, *'Together for a World Without Poverty'*, *'Learning for all, everywhere now!'*, *'Acting together for a Just World!'*, *'6 billion – One humanity'*; *'Inter-Cultural Dialogue'*; *'Food for All'* and *'Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World'*. Good exemplars of Maltese schools' participation in this European Programme can be viewed online at schoolnet.gov.mt/smcboys. More information about the North South Centre can also be obtained from http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE_en.asp.

The motto chosen for this year is **'Act for our Planet'**. Ms Rita DeBattista, as national co-ordinator for GEW in Malta, supported by Mr Edward Gilson, Education Officer - Geography and Mr Philip Said, former GEW co-ordinator, would like to encourage all Heads of State and Non-State Secondary Schools to participate actively in Global Education Week 2011 by organising activities related to this theme.

The following are some suggestions but link teachers may come up with other ideas:

- *Focus on actions being taken to tackle global concerns such as climate change, acid rain, ozone depletion, deforestation, soil erosion;*
- *The water issue from a local and global perspective;*
- *Renewable forms of energy for a better world;*
- *Collecting and analysing newspaper articles related to environmental issues;*
- *The role of local and international organisations and religious groups in promoting a better lifestyle in favour of our planet;*
- *Environmental activists from around the world;*
- *Reporting on active participation in co-curricular projects as GAS2C www.schools2communities.eu; EcoSkola <http://www.ekoskolamalta.com/>; YRE <http://www.yremalta.org/>*
- *Songs and poems advocating action in favour of our planet;*
- *Conservation of natural sites.*

The link teachers and the representative students from the participating schools of GEW11 will have the opportunity to deliver a short report of 15 to 20 minutes about their school activities and experiences gained during a *Follow up Festivity* that will be organised during **January 2012**. Another option can be to deliver a repeat of an actual activity carried out at school. A detailed programme of this follow-up activity will be circulated to participating schools. Link teachers are to send the attached Participation Form by not later than **Monday 7th November 2011**. A **Certificate of Participation** will be awarded to all schools represented at the *Follow-up Festivity*.

The Co-ordinating Team appreciates exemplars of students' work and a copy of the report being delivered by the student representatives. Any input in digital format will be used to compile the DVD for GEW11 – Malta. This DVD will eventually be circulated among the link teachers of the participating schools and with the European network of national co-ordinators for GEW participating at the forthcoming International workshop of the North South Centre. Link teachers need to ensure that participating students and their parents give their consent so that photographs and videos taken during the GEW activities can be used for the DVD of GEW11 and can be displayed online or used by the media to promote such educational activities.

Link teachers who participated last year are kindly requested to contact Ms Rita DeBattista so that they can collect their DVD copy of GEW10.

Thank you for your attention.

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