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

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**Subject:** Global Education Week 2012



The Curriculum Management and eLearning Department, within the Directorate for Quality and Standards in Education (DQSE) in collaboration with the European Centre for Global Interdependence and Solidarity, more commonly known as the **North-South Centre**, of the Council of Europe, will once again be celebrating **Global Education Week** (GEW) during the third week of November (**19 - 23 November 2012**). 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'*; *'Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World'* and *'Act for our World'*. Good exemplars of Maltese schools' participation in this European Programme can be viewed online at <http://schoolnet.gov.mt/smcboys/>. More information about the North South Centre can also be obtained via their website at [http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/GE_en.asp)

The motto chosen by the North South Centre for this scholastic year is **'Moving towards One World!'** Ms Rita De Battista, as National Co-ordinator for GEW in Malta, supported by the Geography and Social Studies Departments and by Mr. Philip E. Said (former GEW Co-ordinator) would like to encourage all Heads of State and Non-state secondary schools to actively participate in the Global Education Week 2012 by organising activities related to this theme.

The following are our suggestions, but link teachers and students are free to come up with alternative topics:

- *Reasons for disparity in the world today and the actions to be taken at different levels to improve the situation*
- *Collecting and analysing newspaper articles highlighting differences at national or international level*
- *The role of local and international organisations or religious groups in promoting a fairer world*
- *Individuals who are making a difference so helping to create a better world*
- *Songs and poems advocating action in favour of One World*
- *World Prices of commodities – Can the system be improved for a just world?*
- *The challenge of economic problems in Europe*
- *Following the example of developing nations which are witnessing improvements in their economy*
- *The advantages of living in a multi-cultural society*
- *Working towards a sustainable world*
- *The Euro-Mediterranean peace process*

The link teachers and the representative students from the participating schools of GEW12 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 in **January 2013**. Another option would 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 **9<sup>th</sup> November 2012**. 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 GEW12 – 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 are kindly asked to make sure 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 GEW12 and be displayed online or used by the media to promote such educational activities.

Thank you for your collaboration.

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