



Montgomery Development Education Centre

Primary newsletter - Autumn 2014

Welcome back to a new term and a new school year!

We here at the **Montgomery Development Education Centre** have *exciting opportunities* available *this autumn* to help you and your school develop

Learning for Sustainability and Global Citizenship

1. Global Learning Programme Scotland (GLPS)



This offers schools and clusters a **FREE** tailored, professional learning, training and on-going support programme.

Teachers participating in 2013 - 2014 said:

'Will make me think about how to take learning broader and deeper in Global Citizenship based lessons'

'Added a lot of depth/ideas for planning/links to CfE'

'You shared some very powerful stuff with us...and we very much enjoyed it!'

In 2013-14 schools developing the **Rights Respecting School Initiative**, school partnerships, fair trade as well as more general development of **Learning for Sustainability** across their whole curriculum, took advantage of the **FREE GLPS programme**. Please see our website for further details of the programme.

Your school and cluster can take part in 2014-15!

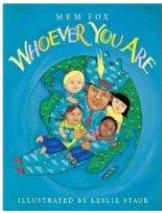
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2. Resourcing your local – global based curriculum

NEW Learning for Sustainability materials include:

- ❖ **Our Forest Our Future** - an online resource, produced by *Scotdec* in Edinburgh, using a learning-centred framework devised by *Oxfam*, which enables teachers and pupils to explore the interdependence of people and forests and the vital role forests play in sustaining our environment – in the past, present and hopefully for many millennia in the future: www.ourforestourfuture.org.uk
- ❖ **The Global dimension website** <http://globaldimension.org.uk/> offers extensive links to hard copy and web resources as well as global calendars etc.
An excellent new link offers a wide range of classroom activities linked to **Light and Light technologies** as **2015** has been designated **International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies** by the United Nations: <http://clients.squareeye.net/uploads/global/resources/LightPhotoTeachingResource.pdf>
- ❖ **STRIDE** - the excellent, acclaimed Scottish teacher global citizenship magazine - full of ideas, resource links and classroom activities is **now online** at www.stridemagazine.org.uk. The Montgomery Centre still has paper copies of previous editions – see the 'Stride' page on our website www.montgomerydec.org.uk for each edition's content notes – and email us to borrow these.

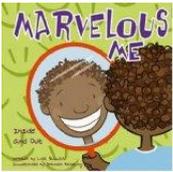
- ❖ We have new additions to our range of early years story books focusing on equality, diversity and self-esteem. To arrange to borrow any of these **free of charge** for up to 8 weeks, please email us at: montgomerydec@btconnect.com. Titles include:



Whoever you are by Mem Fox (Author), Leslie Staub (Illustrator)

ISBN-10: 0152060308 **ISBN-13:** 978-0152060305

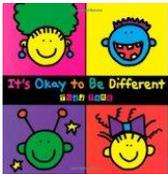
Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. They may not look the same. But inside, they are alike.



Marvellous Me: Inside and Out (All about Me) by Lisa Bullard

ISBN-10: 140480157X **ISBN-13:** 978-04801578

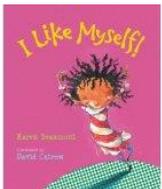
What makes each of us who we are? Using a friendly and often funny story-telling style, children describe themselves and their world.



It's Okay To Be Different by Todd Parr

ISBN-10: 0316043478 **ISBN-13:** 978-0316043472

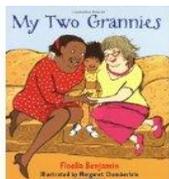
It's okay to need some help. It's okay to be a different colour. It's okay to talk about your feelings. It's okay to make a wish... **It's Okay to Be Different** cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format.



I Like Myself! by Karen Beaumont (Author), David Catrow (Illustrator)

ISBN-10: 0547401639 **ISBN-13:** 978-0547401638

Encourages children to appreciate everything about themselves -- inside and out.



My Two Grannies by Floella Benjamin and Margaret Chamberlain **ISBN-10:** 1847800343 **ISBN-13:** 978-1847800343

Alvina has two grannies who she loves with all her heart. Grannie Vero is from the Caribbean island of Trinidad. Grannie Rose is from the north of England. When Alvina's parents go on holiday, both grannies move in to look after her.

But the two grannies want to do different things, eat different food, play different games and tell different stories.

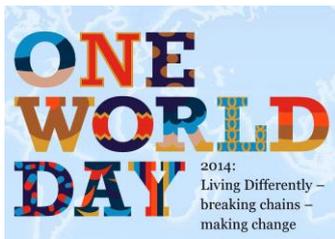
The grannies get crosser and crosser with each other, but Alvina thinks of a way they can do all the things their own way so the grannies can become the best of friends.

3. Global Learning Partnerships opportunity for north-east schools and teachers

Find out more about a reciprocal learning opportunity supporting the long-term development and delivery of global citizenship in your school/cluster, involving a **4 week summer placement in Rwanda** as well as your own school-based development, by going to <http://www.woodfamilytrust.org.uk/current-programmes/GlobalTeachersProgramme.htm>

If you're interested in learning more about opportunities for teachers to take part in 2015, go to <http://www.woodfamilytrust.org.uk/current-programmes/images/GLPposterSmall.jpg> Information events are planned for September.

4. One World Day in Aberdeen



On **Saturday 30th August**, come along to Rosemount Viaduct and visit the Aberdeen Fairtrade and Third World Centre stall at the **ONE WORLD DAY** event.

See the flyer on the front page of our website for more details of the range of activities happening on the day.

Remember to look at our [website www.montgomerydec.org.uk](http://www.montgomerydec.org.uk) on a regular basis to see updates on new resources and professional learning opportunities

Please contact us by [email montgomerydec@btconnect.com](mailto:montgomerydec@btconnect.com) with your queries, requests, needs, suggestions etc. and help us strengthen global citizenship and learning for sustainability content and delivery across NE Scotland.

We look forward to working with you!

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Entrance in Shoe Lane, opposite side entrance to the Lemon Tree Arts Centre. Please ring bell to left of red door.

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