Global Education in UK schools – 'Buy a Brick' Campaign

For the past five years we have been spending our Summer Holidays in Masindi, a district of Uganda, training teachers. Lynne is a serving headteacher in Harrow. Di is a recently retired head from Birmingham, now an educational consultant, and Ronnie is a teacher of the deaf. We have also developed Global Education in our schools while Lynne has also arranged for a great many UK teachers to visit Uganda. We are totally committed to and enthusiastic about this work and are able to develop and enhance the quality of teaching in Ugandan schools thus improving the life chances of Ugandan children while also providing professional development for teachers from UK. Furthermore, this has developed UK and Ugandan children's understanding of the global dimension.

We have recently formed a charity, Redearth, and have set up a website www.redeartheducation.co.uk. This details our activities in Uganda as well as providing many interesting ideas and activities on Global education, together with detailed lesson plans which link directly to aspects of the Global dimension as promoted by QCA.

We are planning to build a Teachers' Centre which will provide a training room, an IT room, a resource room and an exemplar nursery. In order to fund this project we need to raise £50,000, so we are launching a 'buy a brick' campaign. We are asking all UK schools to become involved in this campaign. By being part of this campaign and using the relevant lesson plan and resources on our website this will be helping schools to meet the most recent QCA guidelines on the Global Dimension, as well as form a sustainable link with Ugandan children. Children will be asked to illustrate a picture of a brick and donate £1. We will take all the illustrations from each school and distribute them to Ugandan schools in July. Details of the campaign can be found on our website.

The development of a Teachers centre in Masindi will make a huge difference to teachers who have little or no training and minimal resources, and most importantly help to improve children's education and life chances in Uganda.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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