

Session Notes: International Perspectives on Social Change

Speakers/ panel members- Global Xchange, Mike Foster, DfID minister, Envision

This session started off with a brainstorm about global issues and linking them, and each group spoke about the voluntary work or issue that each group has been involved in.



The groups in this session were: Global Xchange, Envision, Platform 2, St Angela's School

Global Xchange - Most important issue is the lack of Ubutu (humanity), This can be tackled by: cross cultural working, community cohesion, host homes taking us in (real Ubutu in action).



Envision - Most important issue is poverty. One way of tackling this issue is to use different campaigns in their schools.

Platform 2 – There are lots of different issues. India has gender inequality so they created 'women only' educational classes. Peru – they were funded to build proper sanitation. Community cohesion is important – they tackled this by playing games with children. In Ghana they focussed on recycling and eco development and sustainability.



St. Angela's School – There are different organisations working with young people in this school including 'World Challenge', 'Peace 4 justice', 'We Are What We Do', 'Refugee Rights'.

In the second part of this session, the groups decided on a key issue that they feel passionate about and thought about how to solve it

Issue: HIV/AIDS

Solutions:

- Generic anti retro viral- drop the patent
- Education in schools.
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Issue: Crime

Solutions:

- Mentoring
- Liaising
- Parenting

Issue: Starvation

Solutions:

- Government funding
- Organisations
- Community.



The three headlines from this session..

1. Young people are the future, we're passionate and we care.
2. Continue to feel inspired to make a difference.
3. Don't panic about the credit crunch, could be a great opportunity.

A final word from the young people involved in this session:

Thanks for giving us this great opportunity! This session went well and everyone seemed to get something out of it. We met some really inspiring young people who are passionate and making a difference.



DfID, Mike Foster- keep up the good work! Enjoyed the session and felt inspired by young passionate people. We have to be champions! To keep reminding the government that during the financial crisis we should still care about global issues.

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