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*'I will think much more about going into shops and looking at where things come from and how they are produced.'*

School children in Kent learning about coffee

# Empowering global citizens in Kent

**Kent and the Wider World (KWW), a project of the Commonwork Land Trust, works with young people in schools, youth centres and faith groups in Kent to explore and understand global issues, inequalities, sustainability and our responsibilities as global citizens.**

Kent and the Wider World is an educational charity based in Maidstone working with schools, youth, faith and community groups in Kent and Medway.

Their aims are to:

- raise awareness of global issues especially with young people
- enable them to take action to work for a more just and sustainable world
- promote the links between people in Kent and Medway and the wider world

KWW offers a range of services and activities, including:

- resources for teachers, schools, youth, faith and community groups
- a continuing professional-development programme for teachers and facilitators
- workshops in schools and for youth, faith and community groups on global and sustainability issues

*Excerpts from Evaluations of the Visioning and Leadership Day 21 November 2008:*

*'Very good – inspired ideas to take back with us and help motivate other students.'* – Secondary school teacher.

*'I never knew how many miles a plane goes with food.'*

*'It was cool, I enjoyed it very much'* – Primary school pupil

*'Before you finish breakfast today you will have depended on half the world.'* – Martin Luther King

KWW achievements in 2008:

- held a successful Sixth Form Conference 'Whose World is it Anyway' for students, teachers and faith community members, involving 55 people and five schools, exploring the ethical issues involved in choosing action for sustainability and global justice
- launched the 'Sustainable and Global Schools Learning Network' in October with seven secondary schools, thirteen primary schools and one special school participating. The Network activities are supporting the member schools to consider whole-school development and to embed global and sustainable education over a three-year period
- worked directly with more than 1,000 students on topics including climate change, global citizenship, migration and refugee issues, ethical trading, land distribution, conflict and economic inequality.
- held professional staff development workshops on active learning
- modelled global citizenship lessons for 15 teachers and one head teacher
- held workshops at Canterbury Cathedral Day and Angel Fest in Rochester
- continued to deliver the Globetrotter after-school clubs for primary pupils and a resource to share the practice



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A school workshop in Kent

