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FOREWORD



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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the very first edition of the annual report of Global Hands CIC. Global Hands was formally set up in January 2012 as a social enterprise by current and former DMU staff and students to challenge global inequality and promote capacity building at the local, national and global levels. Five of us came together at the beginning to create an idea, a movement that would allow us to challenge the toxic normalisation of grotesque inequality, hopelessness and paralysis in relation to taking the first steps to challenge disadvantage. We wanted to breathe back hope into individuals and communities and support them build their capacities, in order for them to solve their own problems.

Whilst Global Hands was formally incorporated on the 19th January 2012 as a social enterprise, it was only on the 1st of July 2012 that Global Hands set up an office at the Innovation Centre, with the support of De Montfort University, and started formal operations. Since then, Global Hands has grown exponentially, with the dedication and voluntarism of its members to establish a publishing house, deliver education and public engagement programmes, implement international development activities, including its flagship Development Schools in The Gambia and the Manduar Development Hub; it has also set up chapters in Leicester, De Montfort University and Gambia.

These are exciting times for us at Global Hands and this report affords us the opportunity to take stock, celebrate our successes and take a critical look at ourselves. This document is an extended annual report covering the activities of Global Hands from the 19th of January 2012 to the 31st of December 2013.

Dr Momodou Sallah
Chair, Board of Directors





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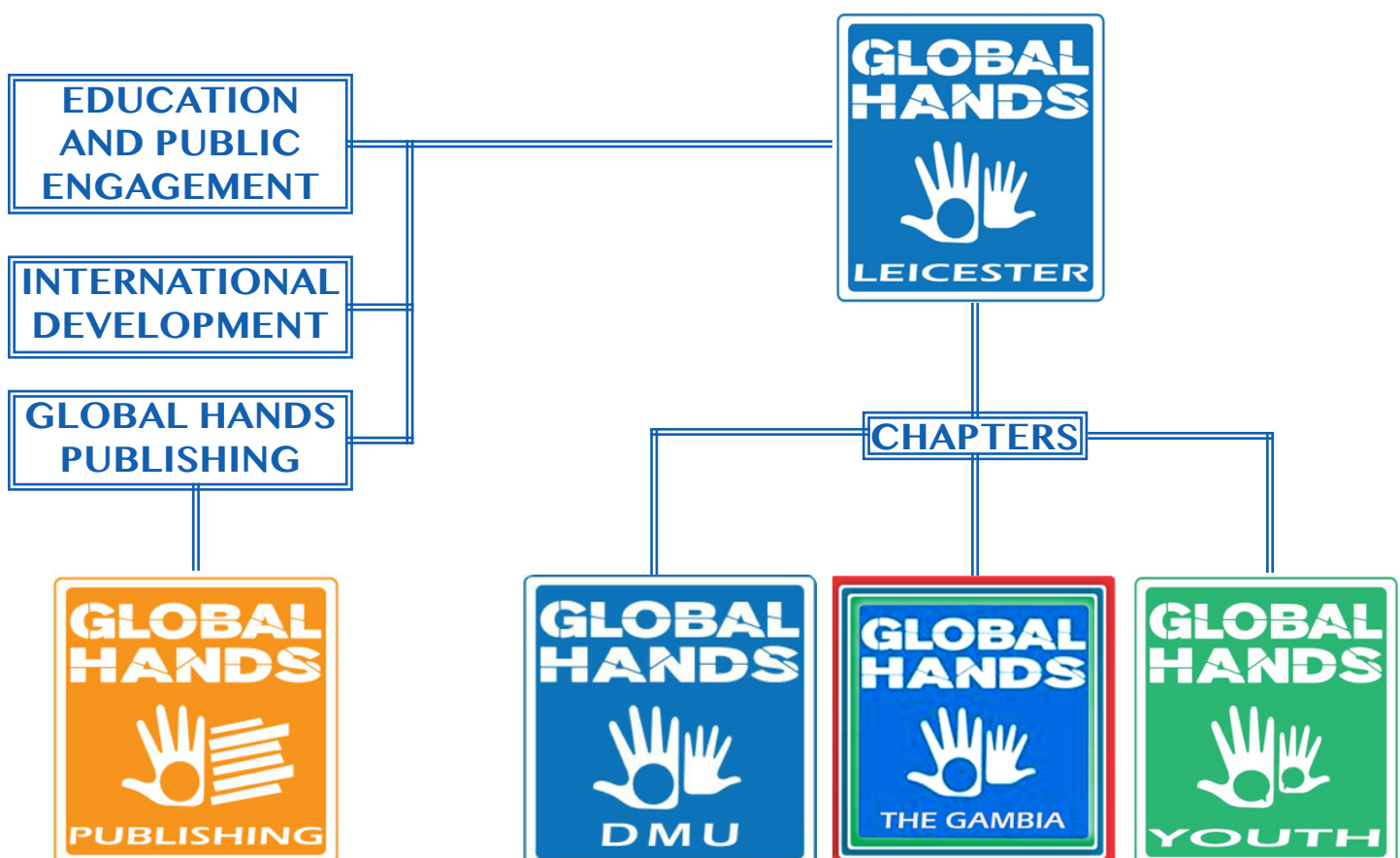
OBJECTIVES

Global Hands has four main departments in operationalizing its objectives and the report will be structured according to these four main departments:

- Global Hands Chapters:
 - Global Hands Gambia
 - Global Hands DMU
 - Global Hands Youth
- Education and Public Engagement
- International Development
- Global Hands Publishing

GLOBAL HANDS CHAPTERS

In Global Hands, we are guided by four major principles: Economic Independence, Political Neutrality, Non –Violence, and Grassroots Development. The last principle of grassroots development focuses on working with individuals and collectives to develop their capacities instead of operating from a charity point of view. We believe that those affected are best placed to develop solutions to issues confronting them; consequently, they must be at the forefront of developing solutions. In this light, Global Hands has set up three chapters during the period under discussion. Below is a brief report of the various Global Hands chapters (Global Hands Gambia, Global Hands Youth and Global Hands DMU).





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GAMBIA

GLOBAL HANDS GAMBIA (GHG)



Global Hands Gambia is a Non Governmental Organisation under the main umbrella of Global Hands UK (Leicester). GHG emerged as a result of plans to expand to The Gambia as the main hub in the South. This dream was spearheaded by a dynamic young Gambian, Mr. Jimmy Hendry Nzally, with the help of an organised committee in 2013.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF GHG IN 2013

Global Hands Gambia was founded on the 13th of January and was formally launched in March by Global Hands UK during the 2013 Gambia Development School. Global Hands Gambia engaged in the following activities in the period under discussion:



AGRICULTURE: Farming activity

The farming activity was very successful as we were able to have good proceeds. We grew groundnut, cucumber and okra at the farm situated in Lamin Wayeeto. This was done manually using the traditional methods of farming.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES: Lome and Istanbul

The chairperson of Global Hands Gambia, Mr. Jimmy Hendry Nzally, was selected to attend two international conferences in Lome, Togo called TunzAfrika; and Istanbul, Turkey, Turk-Arab Youth Conference through a competitive application process. He joined other global leaders/ change makers to discuss issues of global concerns. GHG delegates also participated in the 7th International Youth Summer School Organized by Peace Ambassadors- The Gambia. The event took place at Bansang, School of Enrolled Nurse (SEN) from the 16th-31st August 2013.



EDUCATION: Celebration of Africa liberation Day

On the May 25th 2013, GHG joined the rest of the world to celebrate African Liberation Day. The celebration took the form of presentations, discussions and documentaries on certain nationalist leaders who contributed immensely towards the achievement of independence in the African countries. This was a well attended event facilitated by a range of distinguished panellists, geared towards raising consciousness about issues affecting Africa.



EDUCATION: School folder project

“School Folder” targeted ten high schools in the West Coast Region and Kanifing Municipality; the project was geared towards engaging school children on global matters at the local level especially issues of immediate concerns to them. These programmes often take the form of presentations followed by questions and answers on pertinent topics like youth migration and the “backway”.



EDUCATION: Mathematics and English classes

GHG members have been offering free Mathematics and English classes to senior school students held at the American Corner. The program was very successful in developing the skills and knowledge of students in the area, especially for those from disadvantaged backgrounds, of Mathematics and English; all thirty students involved in the programme got a B minimum grade.



EDUCATION: Creating Readers Program

The Creating Readers Programme is a way of inculcating the act of reading among children. We at GHG realised that the act of reading in the Gambia amongst children is dying and one way of revitalising it is to help children by providing them with books and the techniques in reading; we have an enrolment record of two hundred and fifty children.





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YOUTH

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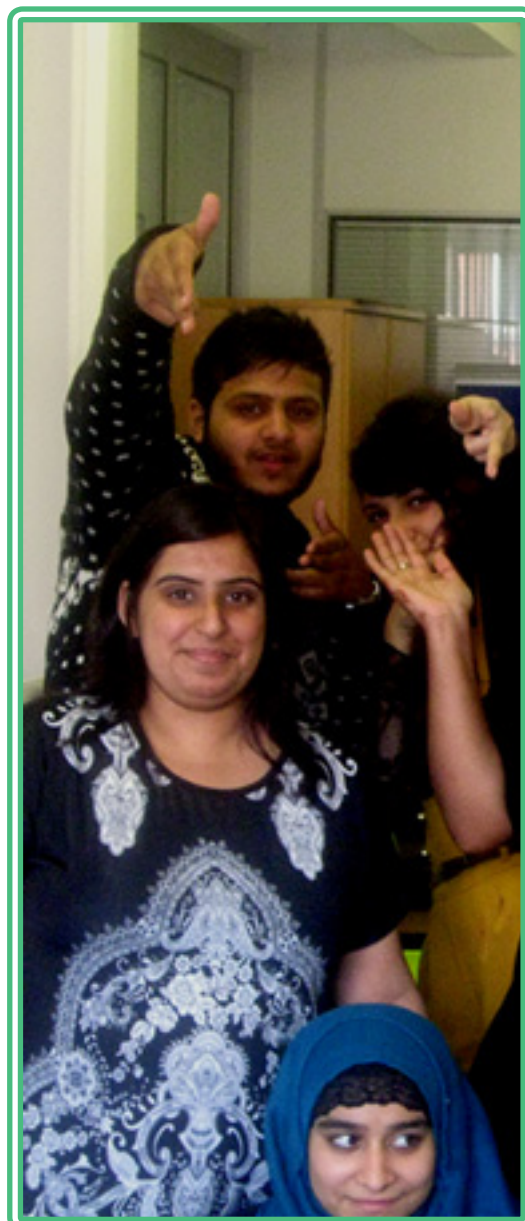
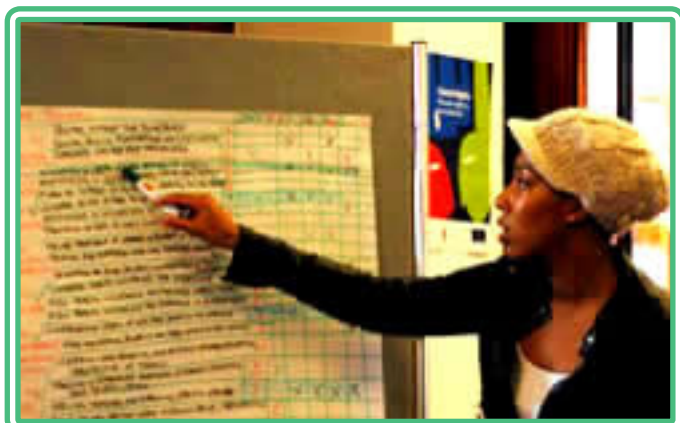


Global Hands Youth was established in response to a gap in providing the young people of Leicester with opportunities to develop their leadership skills in order to enable them to empower themselves, the communities they live in and those around them. Global Hands Youth emerged from a project with 15 young people from the Coleman Ward that focused on building the skills of disadvantaged young people on the margins; following a week long project with the young people, Global Hands Youth emerged with the focus of developing capacity building programmes for young people by young people. The following activities were carried out by Global Hands Youth in the period under discussion:

Coleman Ward Project:

20th August – 24th August 2012

This project recruited 15 young people between the ages of 16 and 25 considered disadvantaged in the Coleman Ward. The project looked at local and global inequalities and issues that impact on young people. The five-day event utilised a range of pedagogic approaches of daily workshops, informal activities, videos, discussions, debates and daily evaluation with young people. These activities were all in relation to topics such as youth unemployment, housing, crime, drugs, boredom and politics at a local, national and international level. In addition to setting up a youth forum at the end of the project to address issues affecting young people in Coleman in particular and in Leicester in general; other skills reportedly gained by young people included: problem solving skills, communication and awareness of local issues.



Multicultural Fun Day

As part of our public engagement work, Global Hands Youth hosted the 'Multicultural Fun Day' at the Highfields Centre in Leicester. Twenty young people came together from Global Hands Youth, supported by youth-led Sandcastle Events, with the aim of bringing together different communities in Leicester to celebrate our unity in diversity.

Global Hands Youth were successful in their funding application to the Leicester City Council Ward Meeting Grants. The grants enabled Global Hands Youth to work with other young people in Leicester, particularly those from Spinney Hills, Coleman and Evington wards, to put together the Multicultural Fun Day at the Highfields Centre.

The Multicultural Fun Day, the first community event organised by Global Hands Youth, brought together over 600 people throughout the day from different races and religions. Local businesses pitched in to support the event as well as promote their businesses. Statutory and voluntary services ranging from the Police to Young People's Services were also present in exhibiting their services.

We were honoured with the presence of Councillor Vi Dempster and Councillor Lynn Senior who opened the event. Sports, music, food stalls and arts and crafts activities kept all those who attended busy with lots to get involved in, including sports, arts and craft competitions. Councillor Ted Cassidy opened the performance evening, which was spectacular with young people showcasing their artistic talents – performances ranged from rapping, Spoken Word to Bollywood dancing. Deputy Mayor Rory Palmer who congratulated Global Hands gave the closing remarks.





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DMU

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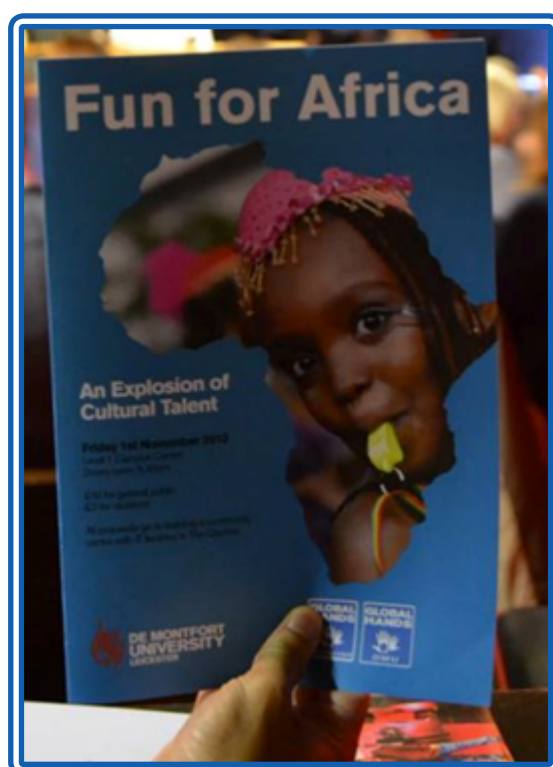
Global Hands DMU was formed during the summer of 2013. The society registered officially through the Students' Union and was added to the DSU website as an official society. In September 2013, the society was given a stall at the fresher's fair to recruit members. Freebies were given out to potential members and an invitation to attend a meeting to learn what Global Hands is about. As of September 2013, the society had 12 members from across the university, with interest growing. Genevieve Brown is the president of the society.

Up till the end of the report period of December 2013, the society has been meeting twice per month; for students to socialise and get to know one another and to undertake activities following the Global Hands ethos. These activities have included:

- A debate regarding the Philippines Appeal
- Discussions about Female Genital Mutilation
- Fundraising
- Discussions around the Kenya terrorist bombings.
- Attending mandatory meeting set by DSU.

EXPLOSION OF CULTURAL TALENT: FUN FOR AFRICA

Fun for Africa was hosted on the 11th of November 2013 on DMU premises. This fundraising event was organised by Global Hands DMU in aid of the upcoming trip to the Gambia in January 2014. Fun for Africa: An Explosion of Cultural Talent was a talent show including acts such as singing, and dancing. This was a follow-up fundraising event to the Run for Africa (opposite). A range of acts including bhangra dancers; African drumming, Salsa dancing, poetry, yoga demonstrations, fashion show with bespoke Mua and other live acts graced the occasion.



RUN FOR AFRICA

Run for Africa took place on the 10th August 2013 at Braunstone Park, Leicester, England. This was organised by members of Global Hands DMU with the support of the Square Mile Project, aimed at raising funds for the Manduar Development Hub in The Gambia as part of the wider Global Hands international project.

Global Hands collaborated with the official 'Parkrun' organisation at Braunstone Park to ensure the smooth running of the event. The regular Braunstone Park Run usually attracts about 200 people to the 5km course but with the Global Hands Fun Run, this had a positive impact by boosting it by an extra 150 participants.

Run for Africa was a great opportunity for people from different walks of life to get involved and support Global Hands in our efforts to develop capacities and address global inequalities. The volunteers prepared and trained hard for the 5km run in order to support the cause. On the day over 300 people attended and took part. The event had a great party atmosphere with live African instruments being played at the finish line. Overall, the Fun Run was a great success, raising over £4,000!

The event was also covered by the local newspaper, Leicester Mercury, who have been very supportive of Global Hands' work.





EDUCATION & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The State of Youth Work in the UK Seminar

This two-day seminar took place at the Innovation Centre (Global Hands facilities), Leicester on the 15th and 16th November 2012 and was jointly organised by De Montfort University's Youth, Community and Education Department and the Council of Europe's Youth Department, it was further supported by Global Hands (Leicester). The key theme was promoting access to social rights for young people in general and for the most marginalised young people in particular. This is an issue, which has become more important than ever and the event offered a space for young people, academics, practitioners and policy makers to explore the state of youth work, its ability to support young people in accessing their social rights and to debate and construct its direction of travel during a time of austerity and flux.

The seminar provided an opportunity for practitioners, academics, policy makers and young people with an interest/stake in work with young people/ youth work to come together around the issue of young people and access to social rights. These 42 participants came from a wide range of community, voluntary, statutory agencies, research bodies and representatives from government agencies at a number of different levels. The International/European level agents were represented by the organisations such as the Council of Europe and the British Council.

The seminar delivered the following outcomes:

- Participants made recommendations to policy makers (local, national and European level) and practitioners on how to improve work with young people on the margins and how they can be supported to access their social rights.
- A comprehensive report that summarises the issues raised by the participants as well as capture the recommendations to the various stakeholders.
- A critical interrogation of youth policy and practice in the United Kingdom that will influence the direction of travel for youth work in an environment that is said to be in a state of flux.
- Increased awareness of the Council of Europe's work on access to social rights and the possibility for the seminar participants to be associated with the work of the Council of Europe in the Enter! Project.
- A greater understanding of the issues that affect young people's access to social rights through a critical analysis of status quo and the capturing of case studies.
- Sharing of good practice nationally and internationally.
- Each participating organisation/institution made a commitment to explore and where possible implement recommendations.

Questioning the Logic of the System:

A Critical look at Global Learning and Global Youth Work 14 -15 March 2013

This conference was jointly organised with De Montfort University, Oxfam, and Global Education Lancashire; with support from the Higher Education Academy. It brought together 50 academics, policy makers, practitioners, and students to explore counter narratives to globalisation and development. Participants were drawn internationally and leading scholars like Professor Vanessa Andriotti of Columbia University (Canada) and Professor Abdoulie Saine of Miami State University (US) were invited as keynote speakers. Participants were able to discuss pertinent issues as well as make recommendations. The two day conference also saw the formal launching of the Journal of Critical Southern Studies.

Greener Youth Seminar

The Greener Youth Seminar was led by ACT Global's Sebastian Graça Da Silva

It was a free one day seminar for those working in the youth profession. The course was about how youth organisations and services can discuss and deliver green issues such as the environment and links with specialist organisations that can support them. It also explored the international dimension in youth work highlighting funding opportunities for youth organisations. This 1-day event was funded by the European Commission and administered by the British Council.





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COMMUNITY SECURITY SYMPOSIUM

This symposium was initiated by Dr Perry Stanislas of De Montfort University and organised by Global Hands at the Innovation Centre, Leicester with 21 people in attendance. A number of nationally and internationally renowned speakers attended and made ground-breaking contributions including:

- Professor Rob Canton, Community and Criminal Justice Department, De Montfort University
- Professor Gus John: An Overview of Policing and Human Rights Issues in the Developing and Emerging World
- Dr Perry Stanislas: Problems with Police Reform and Developing Effective Forms of Non-State and Community Interventions
- Dave MacFarlane: The role of Black Police Associations in the US and UK and their Role in Community Development and Safety
- Chris Alcott: Reforming Police Practices, Problems and the Implications for Community Policing and Communities in Britain
- Cecil Gutzmore: Policing in Jamaica and Problems with Developing Community Responses

There was also a panel discussion on Policing and National Security in Africa and its Impact; one of the most important issues the distinguished panel discussed was the impact of terrorism and the war on terror on the continent of Africa.

The outcomes of the symposium were:

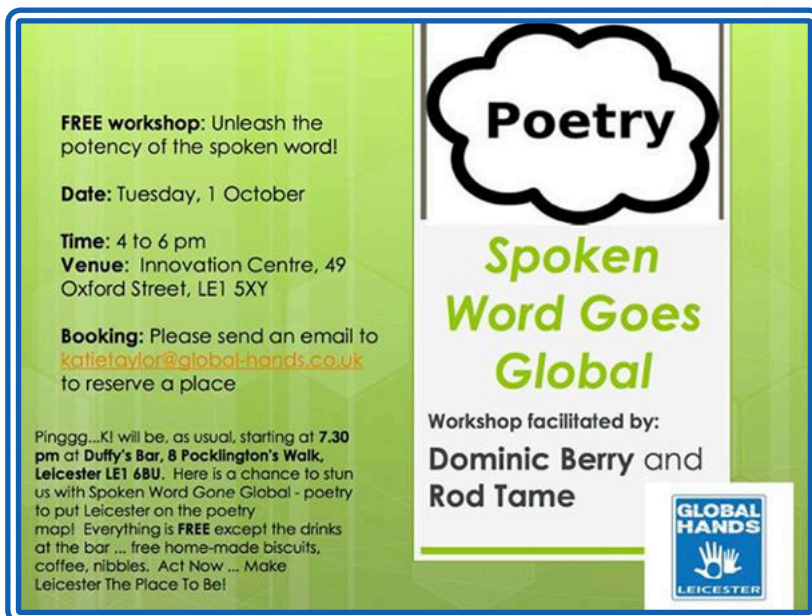
- Initiate and sustain discussions and promote research and practice on policing and security matters in the developed and emerging world.
- Inform debates and discussion around practice and reform strategies.
- Develop a body of expertise around policing and security matters in the world, with a particular emphasis on the developing and emerging world.

The symposium was very lively and informative and a number of key recommendations were made to policy makers, voluntary and statutory organisations and individual members.



Spoken Word Goes Global

In association with Pinggg....!, Global Hands organised a spoken word workshop on the 1st October 2013 from 4-6pm at the Innovation Centre focusing on difference (cultures, languages, ethnicities etc.) facilitated by Dominic Barry and Rod Tame. Fourteen people of different ages and ethnicities as well as different level of engagement with the spoken word attended it. Participants learnt how to write poetry, shared poetry in different languages and really took the spoken word global!



FREE workshop: Unleash the potency of the spoken word!

Date: Tuesday, 1 October

Time: 4 to 6 pm
Venue: Innovation Centre, 49 Oxford Street, LE1 5XY

Booking: Please send an email to katie.taylor@global-hands.co.uk to reserve a place

Pinggg...K! will be, as usual, starting at 7.30 pm at Duffy's Bar, 8 Pocklington's Walk, Leicester LE1 6BU. Here is a chance to stun us with Spoken Word Gone Global - poetry to put Leicester on the poetry map! Everything is **FREE** except the drinks at the bar ... free home-made biscuits, coffee, nibbles. Act Now ... Make Leicester The Place To Be!

Poetry

Spoken Word Goes Global

Workshop facilitated by:
Dominic Berry and Rod Tame

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European Seminar on Access to Social Rights Kicks

Global Hands held an eight-day seminar in Leicester for thirty people from eleven different European countries to explore how young people can be supported to access their rights and develop their capacities from the 3rd – 10th August 2013. During the eight day seminar, participants were introduced to the concept of Social Rights in Europe and had the opportunity to learn and develop their knowledge about: Non discrimination; Education; Movement of Persons; Employment; Housing; and Legal and Social Protection, in relation to the European Social Charter. The seminar also supported participants to develop interactive and innovative methods of engaging with young people across Europe, especially those on the margins of society, who often find it difficult to access their social rights. The participants also discussed how these topics and methods of engagement could be translated between cultures and across generations. The seminar was funded by the Youth in Action programme, managed by the British Council to the tune of £16,966.99. Whilst in Leicester, the participants had the opportunity of visiting local projects, sharing their experiences through non-formal training sessions as well as a planned intercultural night that allowed participants to explore the history and culture of the different nationalities that came together. The participants were from: Estonia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Turkey, Ireland, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Portugal and the UK.



Bradford CurryOke Night

This fundraising was organised by a group of individuals led by former Global Hands Director, Noreen Zahida, to raise funds towards the Gambia Development Hub. It was an exquisite curry meal punctuated by performances from various artists. The event raised £500 pounds for The Gambia Development Hub.



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The Power of One – YMCA

The Power of One: Awakening our Humanity took place at the Y Theater, Leicester, on Friday the 26th of October 2012. This was Global Hands' first event and first fundraiser; a rare night to get in touch with oneself and reconnect with humanity. The focus was on the impact an individual can have on their own life and the lives of others if we would only awaken our humanity and reach out; and the difference this accumulated effort would make in our world for the better. The aim was not only to put on an event to raise money but to also have a running theme that we could build on with future events that represented Global Hands' ethos. Over a hundred people were in attendance. Acts included bands, poets, dancers and drama, acappella, African Drumming and rap. These range of diverse talents from different backgrounds illustrated how the power of one individual can be used to awaken our humanity, each depicting from their own perspectives the issues of society and or ways to overcome these challenges. These all worked together to bring out the theme of the power of one.

Africa Calling

This fundraising event took place on the 2nd of March 2013 mainly to raise funds for the Global Hands Gambia Development School 2013 and was held at the Highfields Centre with many contemporary and mainstream African artists including Cyclonious, Dr Shaka, Ebrima Jawo, and Amie Cherry donating their time free of charge to support the Global Hands course. As a result of coming to this event, Cyclonious, with over 50,000 youtube hits, wore a Global Hands T-shirt in one of his videos, in support of Global Hands. This show was also supported by Da Mongul Entertainment and S-Ence Radio. A total of £500 was raised in this event towards the Development Hub. It was also supported by a number of small and international businesses like the Gambia Experience.



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Gambia Development School 25th March - 4th April 2013

The purpose of the study visit, attended by eight participants was to establish the maiden Global Hands Development School, set up Global Hands Gambia, and facilitate transformative learning experience for participants.

This trip was designed to give participants the opportunity to develop cultural competence and global literacy skills, explore development issues first hand from a Southern perspective, as well as have a transformative experience for themselves and to leave behind a lasting legacy of change for the better.

On touching down in Gambia, the participants went straight to West Coast Radio for a live interview to raise awareness of what they were there to do and how people could get involved. They had meetings with government bodies and local village committees who had been sent a concept paper in advance to discuss land acquisition and support for the Development hub as well as establishing crucial partnerships with the following:

- The Ministry of Youth and Sports
- Director General of Tourism
- The Governor of West Coast
- Old Jeshwang Village Development Committee who offered us their land on a leased basis in exchange for help to run their medical centre.

Global Hands Leicester and Global Hands Gambia collaborated for the first time to develop a working relationship. We looked at the work of NGOs at a local and national level in the Gambia, consulting with them and young Gambians on the issues facing their communities for the purposes of informing and tailoring the work we do at the hub to the needs of the Gambian community. Gambian participants were very passionate and knowledgeable about matters of community development; this inspired Global Hands Leicester.

Another engagement participants took part in, after some consultation, was to go to the Attorney General's Chambers (in Banjul) to try to formally register Global Hands Gambia as this was proving difficult purportedly due to the name Global. After spending about two hours there, participants finally managed to formally register Global Hands as a Non-Governmental Organisation and left with the certificate. We then immediately proceeded to the American Corner where we attended the official launching of Global Hands.

The official launching was attended by a cross section of Global Hands members, representatives of youth organisations and the media. Approximately 60 people were in attendance and the event was punctuated with speeches from Global Hands Chair, Momodou Sallah, Global Hands Director Ayolah Hanley and Global Hands Gambia President Jimmy Hendry Nzally as well as two MPs who came in at the last minute to support the event. Honourable Pa Malick Ceesay spoke at length about the importance of young people taking responsibility and Momodou formally launched Global Hands Gambia. After the official launching, Global Hands members gathered at the Senegambia beach for a farewell and to say final goodbyes. This trip was full of 'firsts' for Global Hands. We launched our first book under Global Hands Publishing by Momodou Sallah. At the launch, young poets from the Gambia had the

opportunity to share some of their spoken words with the audience. One poem that stood out was a captivating performance by Abdoulie Jatta 'Trembling'. Alongside all of this, participants travelled to James Island to learn about the history of the transatlantic slave trade and its impact in the Gambia. Visited the Katchikaly Crocodile Park and stroke the tame, said to be spiritual crocodiles, amongst other things.

On returning home participants followed up the trip with a presentation evening for family, friends and interested parties, where the participants talked about their experiences and reflections. This solidified the learning for participants and also raised awareness for the next trip.



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MANDUAR DEVELOPMENT HUB (THE GAMBIA) PROPOSAL

The proposal is to develop a Community/Development Hub in The Gambia which will have the capacity to accommodate 100 people, host international conferences and visits as well as capacity building facilities. It will also host the offices of Global Hands in The Gambia. These facilities will be housed in one location and built on the concept of sustainable development as its guiding principle. It will be able to sustain itself economically as well as be a hub for local and international capacity building with the following facilities, explained in detail below:

- Micro-finance and Business Incubation Centre
- Institute of Technological Innovation
- Youth and Community Hostel
- Institute of Globalisation, Informal Education and Community Development

Progress so far

In relation to progress so far, the initial designs of the building have been completed and estimated to the tune of £60,000. Through various fundraising efforts, about £15,000 has been raised mainly by Gambia Development School participants and Global Hands Leicester members. The great people of Manduar have donated a piece of land 70x70 metres and Global Hands members, together with the efforts of the villages have conducted two exercises to clear the land. Instead of waiting to raise the £60,000 needed to complete the hub, a strategy has been taken to stagger the development in 3 stages. The first stage involved the renovation of the existing structure (a burnt down clinic) with the 30 person accommodation capacity as well as office/administration spaces and training facilities. This will be complete with a borehole and solar electricity facilities; projected completion date is August 2014.



Microfinance and Business Incubation Centre:

With the support of experts both from The Gambia and outside, this component of The Hub will focus on training and supporting young Gambian entrepreneurs to set up businesses and receive adequate training whilst being incubated in The Hub. Training, including market analysis, product development, marketing and any other identified skills-based needs, will be offered to young entrepreneurs, including microfinance to kick-start their business ideas. A mentoring program will also be established to offer young entrepreneurs a period of 6-12 months to incubate their ideas and projects in The Hub.

Institute of Technological Innovation:

This component of The Hub will focus on training young Gambian entrepreneurs, scientists and innovators to develop technological solutions to Gambia's many challenges that include solar energy. Gambian scientists and others outside The Gambia will be engaged to train young Gambians in the field of technological innovation. De Montfort University's Institute of Sustainable Development has already expressed keen interest to be involved in this process.

Youth and Community Hostel:

This component, having the capacity to house 100 guests, will also host annual regional/ national camps where 100 young people will be trained yearly over ten days - around topics of community development, capacity building, needs assessment, informal education, fundraising techniques, project management and other grassroots oriented development initiatives. It will also host youth groups from outside The Gambia regularly as well as international scientists and others taking part in the Global Hands Skills Bank and other development projects. The target is to host a group of up to 30 visitors mainly from Europe and North America every month as well as being recognised worldwide as a quality youth hostel for young travellers and students interested in studying sustainable development.

Institute of Globalisation, Informal Education and Community Development:

This institute will, in the long-run, engage in empiric research, deliver accredited programmes and other associated professional development courses. It seeks to be a leading and internationally recognised centre for critical thinking and capacity- building.





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Reflections of Gambia Development school Trip

“When we went to eat at the house in the same pot, made me realise the boundaries we create at home. Here there is a real sense of community. I will do the same when I go home”

“My memory of helping with the hub will never fade as I feel as I have given back to the community physically. I have been a part of the start of something that will grow into something great”

“Manduar has improved my knowledge of Gambian community life and culture and my knowledge of globalisation has developed”

“Going back to Manduar to work was very good because I could picture what the hub would look like”

“ I am happy that we went back to Manduar as I saw the difference that the hub can make to the community”

“Going back to Manduar was good. The kids remembered who we are. The children were teaching us some of their songs and games”

“Cleaning the land at Manduar was very good practical experience. It was worthwhile as I felt I gave something back to the community of Manduar”

“I am proud of everyone as the whole team used their initiatives to do different tasks and worked well as a team”

“The transformation we made at Manduar was great to how it was before and how we left”



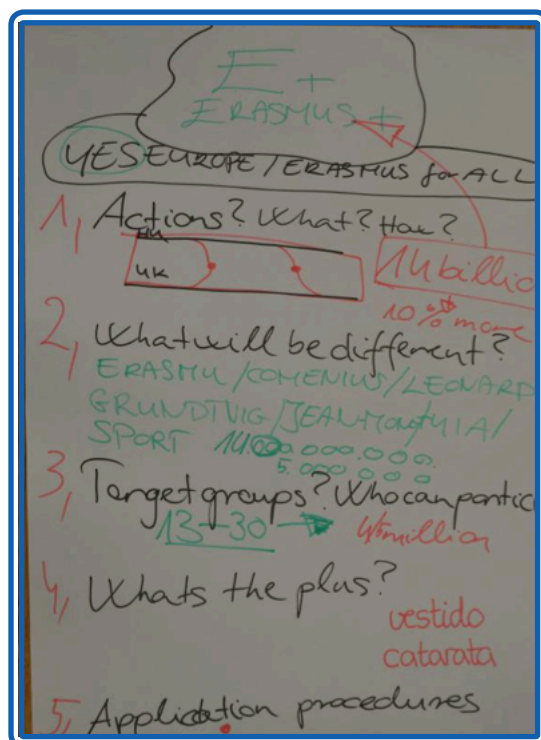
When Social Meets Rights Training Program: Montijo, Portugal

Two Global Hands staff had the opportunity to take part in a European training program on young people and social rights as UK representatives, which included 11 participants from 11 EU countries. The program covered an array of activities to build and improve skills in areas of social rights and young people from housing to education needs, including methods of educating young people through informal and non-formal approaches. Participants received a youth pass certificate at the end of the week.



European Citizen Voluntary Service Seminar: Bordany, Hungary

From the 07 – 14th December 2013, Romana Mohammed and Katie Taylor, our volunteer coordinators attended the ECV Seminar. This seminar took place over a week with eight other countries being involved. The aim of the seminar was to help the Volunteer Co-ordinators to gain a greater understanding and awareness about Erasmus + programmes which launched on the 1st January 2014 and also the process of European Voluntary Service. It also offered the opportunity to build a bigger network of international partners and to get involved with future international co-operations. The seminar helped develop partnerships between Global Hands and some other organisations. It helped the Volunteer Co-ordinators understand the process of EVS and the Erasmus + programme.



GLOBAL HANDS PUBLISHING

Global Hands Publishing has been set up to provide the intellectual muscle to the development hands of our organisation. It seeks to publish a range of publications including poetry, novels and children's books. These publications are geared towards adding critical voices, especially Southern perspectives, to the development and globalisation debate. To this end, Global Hands Publishing is comprised of two outlets, the Journal of Critical Southern Studies (JCSS) and the publication of books that promote a critical Southern perspective. Global Hands Publishing has been set up as a fully-fledged publishing house and works with Lightning Source to print and distribute its books as well as developing the facilities to design, proof-read, typeset and publish books, largely through securing voluntary expertise.



JOURNAL OF CRITICAL SOUTHERN STUDIES (JCSS)

The Journal of Critical Southern Studies (JCSS) was recently founded as part of efforts to provide an authentic outlet for the promotion and representation of 'otherness' through the lenses of Southern voices. The Journal's foundational premise is anchored on Boaventura de Sousa Santos' departure point that 'throughout the world there are practical alternatives to the current status quo of which, however, we rarely take notice, simply because such alternatives are not visible or credible to our ways of thinking.' Part of the inability to 'take notice' has been the fact that the Global South remains, to borrow from Santos, 'constituted as an intrinsically disqualified being.' And so long as this continues, there will be dominance and suppression, the result of which would expand and consolidate what Upendra Baxi calls 'geographies of injustices.'

The focus and particularities of the JCSS imply that it serves to not only challenge hegemony of whatever form, but also seeks to critically interrogate the means and methods of knowledge-production and its transmission. To effectively fulfil this, there is need to broaden access to the Journal so as to expand its natural outreach and constituencies. To this end, this dedicated web platform serves to host as well as facilitate free and easy access to the Journal. The JCSS is a fully peer-reviewed academic journal produced by Global Hands three times a year. It is interdisciplinary, welcomes and encourages high quality papers from scholars and researchers around the globe. The maiden issue of the journal was launched in August 2013.

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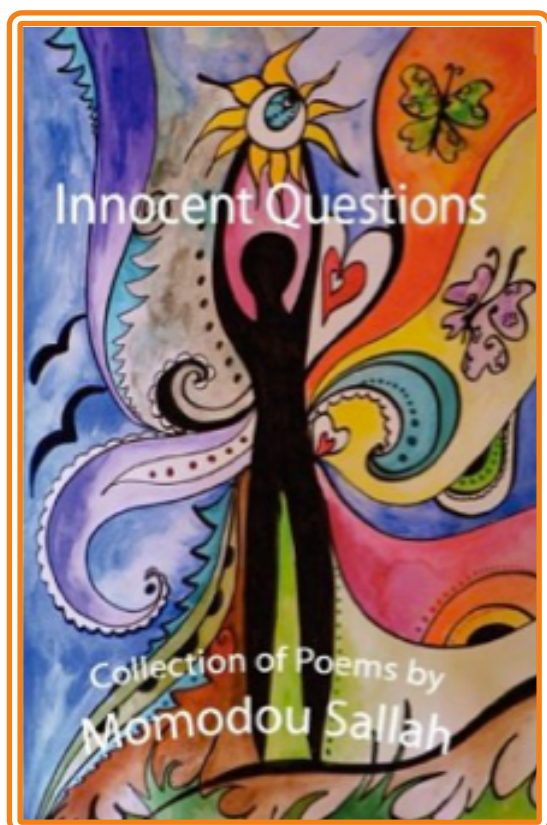
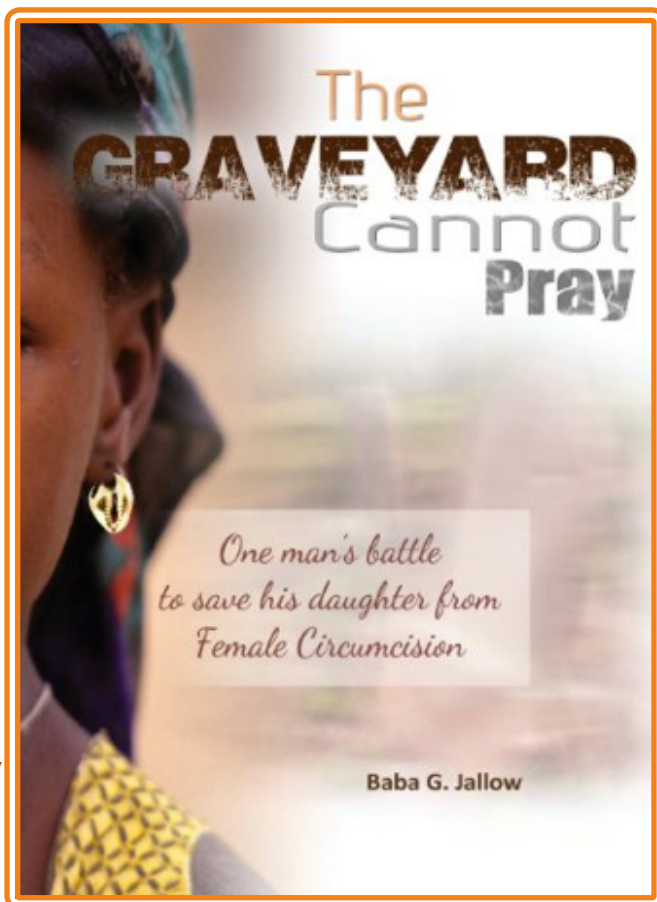
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The Graveyard Cannot Pray, is: "...an autobiographical account of one man's struggle to save his daughter from FGM; a struggle that defies a harmful traditional practice and defective constructions of normality. Perhaps the first to articulate the battle against Female Genital Mutilation from an African male perspective, The Graveyard Cannot Pray throws into sharp relief four interconnected phenomena: the conflict between an older and younger generation of Africans; the communal nature of conflict and conflict resolution among the Futa Fulani; the Fulani notion of son-hood, and the potential complications that arise when the sanctity of tradition is stood in opposition to the sanctity of faith. How does a concerned young father protect his innocent little daughter from the most revered tradition of his people, and against the will of his own father? Here, a family conflict becomes the subject of a communal conflict resolution mechanism that reveals aspects of the mind of the Fulani elder and the workings of Fulani community values that only a native Fulani may discern. Ultimately, The Graveyard Cannot Pray heralds the victory of reason over the human proclivity for blind cultural mimesis."



Innocent Questions by Momodou Sallah is a "A very personal anthology drawn from over two decades of musings, Innocent Questions explores a range of pertinent issues with a complex simplicity that is dramatic and mesmerising; from the dreams of an African school boy to the frustrations of a consummate professional in Babylon".





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FINANCE

Below is a breakdown of fundraising activities by Global Hands.

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
Gambia Development Hub Funds from Fund-raising	£ 1280.01
Fun Run Sponsorship & Go Fund Page Funds	£ 2097.98
Talent Show Funds	£ 1379.82
GHYouth Fun Day contributions raised for Development Hub	£ 139.68
GHYouth Fun Day Funds for Youth Activity	£ 431.12
Social Meets Rights Seminar - Grant Received from British Council (now spent)	£ 16966.99

PARTNERSHIPS

With its origins from the Youth and Community Department of De Montfort University, Global Hands has been partly set up to promote the public good as well as DMU's employability and internationalisation agenda. Consequently, we have greatly benefitted from DMU's support, ranging from being incubated in the Innovation Centre to receiving the expertise of Dr Momodou Sallah as part of his DMU Teaching Fellow and National Teaching Fellowship roles, to the involvement of other key staff within the YCD department.

The Innovation Centre has also been instrumental in supporting us set up and giving us business advice as we grapple with generating our financial independence. Special gratitude to Simon and Victoria for their support.

Global Hands is proud to have worked in partnership with the organisations named below on different events. Global Hands would like to thank Act Global, Prospect IP, DMU Innovation Centre, Square Miles, and DMU Global for their help and support.

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 - » Global Hands Gambia
- Sign-up for the Gambia Development Hub Trip
- Volunteer with Global Hands
- Register your skills with the skills bank

