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Look Who's Talking

# eNewsletter

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Big Tent 26/27  
July. See over...

using the **colours of the rainbow** to represent MDGs goals:

- **Eradicate poverty and hunger**
- **Universal primary education**
- **Gender equality, empower women**
- **Reduce child mortality**
- **Improve maternal health**
- **Combat HIV/Aids, malaria & other disease**
- **Environmental sustainability**
- **Build a global partnership for development**

We used training tools from puppets to poetry, paper plates to parachutes to engage participants:

### How will the Award be used?

To provide training opportunities over the next two years in both Scotland and South Africa to those who affected by poverty, ill health, poor education and environment; and to increase a better understanding of the role that the **community** must play in order to achieve the MDGs targets.

Contact us - we'd love to hear from you! [steph.mavo@btinternet.com](mailto:steph.mavo@btinternet.com) or Maureen Brough, at [wffc@btconnect.com](mailto:wffc@btconnect.com)

Over 200 young people from every corner of the globe gathered in Glasgow for the **CIVICUS Youth and World Assembly** in June (writes delegate **Nick Henderson**).



We began with an inspiring speech from my personal hero, South African **Kumi Naidoo**, Secretary General of Civicus.

Over the next 2 days, we used many different participatory methods to discuss the issues of Poverty, Health, Equalities and Climate Change. One such method was a tool called Open Space, where you can discuss whatever you want for as long as you like!

As full delegates to the World Assembly, it was our responsibility to ensure that our views were heard, but the time allocated was very limited.

Unfortunately the World Assembly was less successful than the Youth Assembly as a means for engagement. The Assembly began under the headline of People, Participation and Power, but to me the sessions were like lectures, in contrast to the Youth Assembly. Perhaps the World Assembly could take note, and learn!



Barbara, Margo & Steph receive their award from First Minister Alex Salmond

Last month, three Paisley women,

**Steph Mayo, Barbara Park and Margo Kirkwood**, accepted a prestigious **Nelson Mandela Graça Machel Innovation Award** at the **CIVICUS** World Assembly in Glasgow for their project in raising awareness of the Millenium Development Goals (**MDGs**): Connecting Local And Global Experience in Scotland And South Africa.' We asked Steph to tell us more:

### How did this project start?

In June 2006 Khethekile Mbatha, a CIVICUS delegate from South Africa took part in a Learning Exchange arranged by Paisley's Maureen Brough from **Working Together For Change** This sowed the seeds for 10 Scottish women to visit South Africa to share creative training workshops on the MDGs.

### What happened in South Africa?

We went to Soweto in September 2007 and involved local women and young people in workshops

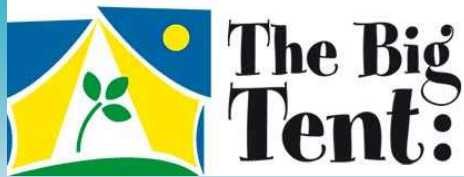
### Did you wish upon a star?

From Rockness Festival to the Scottish Parliament, supporters throughout Scotland have been sending their wishes on **Aid, Health and Climate Change** to **G8** leaders meeting for the summit in Japan this month.



If you didn't make it to one of the **Tanabata** events in June, you can still send your wish to Gordon Brown and the G8 leaders by tying it to our virtual Tanabata tree online. Follow link at: [http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get\\_involved/](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/)

## Action Now!



# The Big Tent:

The Big Tent Festival grew out of a desire to make a difference in looking after the future through local action on principles of stewardship: co-operation, mutuality, solidarity and ecological long-term thinking.

There will be something for all the family, and Oxfam will be there to present **'Sisters on the Planet'** as part of the Campaign to highlight women's role in the fight against Climate Change.

**SCOTLAND'S FESTIVAL OF STEWARDSHIP**  
Falkland, Fife –  
Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 July



**Annie Lennox and the SING Campaign** on fighting HIV/AIDS in South Africa head the star-studded [festival](#). 20-23 August at the Scottish Parliament.

Also, **Youth Event** in Edinburgh and Dunfermline, 23 August.

**Contact** [info@carnegifestival.com](mailto:info@carnegifestival.com) to register and volunteer. Places for this event are FREE but limited. Further details next month.



# EVERY HUMAN HAS RIGHTS

Demonstrators marched through Glasgow to a rally in Kelvingrove Park on 21<sup>st</sup> June to mark 60 years since [the universal declaration of human rights](#), at a time when the political climate makes the issue as relevant as ever.



Mary Robinson leads the Human Rights march in Glasgow

Mary Robinson, former Irish President and UN Human Rights Commissioner, said: "I'm delighted that so many groups are under the banner of **'Every human has rights'**, because we need to re-centre **human rights** in our world before we can also tackle those who perpetrate terrible acts of violence and terrorism."

Read and sign your personal declaration at <http://www.everyhumanhasrights.org/>

## Supporter Training and Activist Recruitment Session

Edinburgh 27<sup>th</sup> September, Glasgow, 4<sup>th</sup> October,  
Details next month, or register now by email to [outreachscotland@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:outreachscotland@oxfam.org.uk)

### Been there? Done that? Excellent!

**YOU** are needed to help plan this training day. Volunteer to co-ordinate the event – a great opportunity to develop your skills even further! Please contact Mark at email address above.

**scottishdetaineevisitors** provide social, emotional and practical support to immigration detainees in Scotland

**Acoustic/folk/blues from Scott MacDonald & David Lawson**  
**Saturday 12 July 2008, 8-11pm**  
St.Helen's Hall, Langside Avenue, Glasgow G42  
Tickets £5/(refugees& asylum seekers free)

Contact: 07765 906976 / [outreachscotland@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:outreachscotland@oxfam.org.uk) / [www.oxfam.org.uk/scotland](http://www.oxfam.org.uk/scotland)

Five years since the start of the war, at least 4.7 million Iraqis – equivalent to almost the entire population of Scotland – have been forced to leave their homes. Most have fled to neighbouring countries like Syria, but a small proportion have come to the UK. There are currently around 370 Iraqi asylum seekers in Glasgow awaiting outcome on their claim.



To raise awareness about the situation of Iraqi refugees and to encourage the UK government to do more to offer them the chance of sanctuary, Scottish Refugee Council commissioned

award-winning photographer Angela Catlin, and writer Billy Briggs to photograph and interview refugees from Iraq living in both Syria and Scotland, to document the effect of conflict on their lives.

**Life After Iraq** is at St Mungo Museum, Cathedral Square, Glasgow, from now until October 26 2008. For more info and opening times, see [www.glasgowmuseums.com](http://www.glasgowmuseums.com)

**Do your bit:** write or visit your local MP to lobby them to do more to resettle Iraqi refugees to the UK. Visit [www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/press](http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/press) for more information on what Scottish Refugee Council is calling for.

Photo Angela Catlin