

The Welsh Centre for International Affairs, for a world-wide Wales

We inspire people to learn and act on global issues so everyone in Wales contributes to creating a fairer and more peaceful world

Key Principles

We believe that awareness of global issues and the skills to act on that knowledge are fundamental to full participation in society and democracy.

Because global issues impact everyone, people should have opportunities to engage with these issues at all levels of society – individual, regional, national and international, and people should have a voice in how they are addressed.

Overall context

People aren't always equipped for participation in a global society, don't universally share the values of inclusion, tolerance, respect and cooperation, and may lack a common cause. But there are also passionate, engaged people across Wales striving to make a difference

Communities lack opportunities to act on global issues together, but there are fantastic examples of good practice where communities have overcome barriers to act together

Welsh society and institutions can lack opportunities for people to be global citizens but the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act gives impetus for change

Delivering **global learning** that prepares Wales for our shared future

Specific context

- Uneven delivery of global learning in schools
- Opportunity within the new curriculum
- Lack of global learning in adult education / work-based learning, informal education environments

Activities

- Inspire through experiences and role models
- Train professionals to deliver global learning
- Create conducive environments for global learning

Aims

- Strengthen Interest, shared values, knowledge and confidence in global issues
- Build global citizenship skills
- Support prioritisation of Global learning in lifelong learning
- Develop a community of global ambassadors

Inspiring **global action** in communities and organisations across Wales

Specific context

- Varying levels of community unity and action
- Lack of a coherent civil society and government voice on global issues at a national level
- Positive examples of Wales' acting together as a nation include Fair Trade Wales and Nation of Sanctuary

Activities

- Bring people and communities together to campaign on global issues
- Influence public bodies to adopt globally responsible policies
- Celebrate Wales' as a globally responsible nation

Aims

- Engage people in global campaigns in Wales
- Build perception of Wales as an outward looking nation
- Ensure the voices of stakeholders are reflected in relevant policy in Wales and the UK

Building **global partnerships** connecting Wales and the world

Specific Context

- Proud history of international links and diaspora communities
- Wales' international role is poorly understood
- Growing but limited international development sector; international development is not devolved

Activities

- Develop capacity of organisations
- Shape government policy
- Promote international connections and exchange
- Inform and Educate: Building profile of internationalism in Wales

Aims

- Highlight benefits to Wales to wider audience
- Develop a stronger Welsh contribution towards SDGs
- Build profile of internationalism in Wales
- Contribute to coordinated Welsh international development sector

The WCIA contributes towards:

- **A welcoming Wales**
- **An outward- looking Wales**
- **People and communities in Wales making a difference on the global issues that matter to them**
- **A distinct Welsh voice on international issues**
- **Understanding of and commitment to human rights and peace**