



Beyond Skin Global: an introduction

Beyond Skin Global (BSG) is an initiative of Beyond Skin, an organisation based in Northern Ireland using multi-cultural arts, music and media to address racism & sectarianism. Beyond Skin Global aims to explore the global dimensions of these issues.

Beyond Skin delivers many projects across Northern Ireland, mostly through our two flagship programs, The Motion Project (Northern Ireland's largest multi-cultural music collective) and Homely Planet: Inter(net) Cultural Radio network. In 2008 we began to link global development issues to race relations in a series of global development education projects using the arts. This included a schools' radio and music project funded by the Department For International Development (DFID), which due to the project's success was extended to 2012.

In 2009 Beyond Skin became the only organisation in Northern Ireland to represent UNOY (United Network of Young Peacebuilders) linking up with over 40 organisations worldwide opening cross-global projects using multi-media. Beyond Skin is also an active member of CADA (Coalition of Aid and Development Agencies), working in partnership with other organisations bringing the arts and media element to strengthen the development education sector.

In January 2011 Beyond Skin launched the radio and audio resource series, 'The Next Village', examining issues that relate to the Millennium Development Goals, a set of targets the UN aims to achieve by 2015. Throughout the radio series The Next Village will loosely weave themes from the Millennium Development Goals, building a library of resources and documenting the journey to reach the UN's target date.



Beyond Skin Global aims to dismantle prejudices at home by fostering these global cultural connections and through our education work we address issues such as sustainable development, inequality, and poverty reduction. One key theme is that development issues do not just matter to people in far off

places: from our morning coffee to our cotton bed-sheets at night we depend on people from all over the world. Beyond Skin Global helps people from Northern Ireland meet our global neighbours through music, art, multi-media and radio.



The Beyond Skin Global website is a central source for all Beyond Skin global initiatives, offering resources to download, news items, and links to other agencies within the Global Development Education and Aid sectors. Visit our website at: www.beyondskinglobal.org

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