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Bristol's youth take on global issues

Young people from 10 schools and colleges across Bristol will be taking part in an inspiring, interactive event called **Global is Local** on Thurs 3rd March 2010 at Bristol University Students' Union.

The event, hosted by award winning educational charity Envision, will involve students taking part in a range of workshops on major global issues such as climate change, poverty, HIV/AIDS awareness and gender equality. They will also be encouraged to voice their opinions on global issues and challenged to come up with ideas for how they can take positive action in their local communities.

Gemma Timons, Regional Co-ordinator at Envision Bristol, said: "Our Global is Local event will provide young people across Bristol with an opportunity to learn more about major worldwide issues and create a forum for their views and opinions to be heard. We want to help Bristol's students to develop the confidence to campaign on issues that matter to them and take positive action in their local communities."

The Global is Local event is part of Envision's Schools Programme; a year long, extra-curricular programme that empowers young people to run their own local community projects, tackling issues from racism and homelessness to road safety and sustainability. Envision Bristol launched in November 2010, following ten years of success across London, Birmingham and Leeds.

Joining the young people on the day will be representatives from various third sector organisations based in Bristol such as **Oxfam, African Initiatives, The British Red Cross, and People and Planet**. Organisations will also have stalls set up, with information for the young people on other ways to get involved and help make a difference locally.

The day will kick off with a Key Note Speech from an inspiring young campaigner, **Luke Harman**, of Christian Aid from Bristol. We hope to inspire the next generation of community campaigners and leaders.

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Event Details:

Global is Local

Where: Bristol University Students' Union

When: Thurs 3rd March 2011

Time: 09.45 – 15:30

Attending: 30 - 40 students from schools and colleges from around Bristol plus teachers, business and community leaders.

All press are welcome to attend. To confirm your attendance please contact Gemma Timons.

There will be plenty of photo opportunities throughout the day as the young people take part in the interactive workshops, discussions and debates.

Notes to Editor:

- Envision was founded by four young people in June 2000 as a response to the environmental and social issues facing British society in the 21st Century.
- Today Envision supports teams of 16-19 year olds from 130 schools and colleges in Birmingham, Leeds and London, helping over 2000 young people every year to design their own local community projects tackling issues ranging from street crime to climate change. The experience builds confidence, aspirations and skills inspiring the next generation of young community leaders.
- Last year 93% of Envision students indicated an improvement in their confidence and 95% in communication skills. 97% of participating young people said that taking part in Envision had improved their understanding of social issues and 93% indicated an improved understanding of environmental issues.
- Envision won the Guardian Charity Awards 2008 and recently reached the finals of the National Lottery Awards. Envision Chief Executive, Nick Nielsen recently won the Shackleton Leadership for his innovative leadership techniques.
- Envision trains adult volunteers to deliver its Schools Programme to young people. Envision has received a GoldStar Award – a cabinet office initiative – for its ability to engage underrepresented young people and adults in volunteering with a difference.
- Envision relies on voluntary donations to fund its schools and colleges programme. To donate please visit www.envision.org.uk/donate

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