

DARE Forum Meeting 13-14 October 2011, Brussels

Thursday 13 Oct Day I

1. Updates from DARE forum members (see attached from DEG, Ireland)

2. National Pages – DEEEP

- DEEEP has set up national pages for each member of the DARE forum on the website.
- The page is in draft at the moment: <http://www.deeep.org/index.php/national-pages> and will be sending out passwords and usernames etc.
- The DEG (led by Elaine) and Matthias (IDEA) should provide material and update the page for Ireland, to include a general context (e.g. from DE watch) and news from Ireland, as well as links to national information from Dóchas/DEG and IDEA. Elaine to follow-up with Matthias.

3. Meeting with the FDR working group of CONCORD (funding for development and relief) on future of EC funding to external aid and development:

- The MFF task force (multi-annual financial framework) was set up at the end of 2010 within CONCORD with the aim to inform and influence the EC's plans for future funding of development aid within the EU's budget.
- The MFF taskforce is chaired by members of the FDR working group
- This meeting was meant to take place with a representative of the European Commission who was unavailable.
- The draft position paper of the MFF is attached. The Paper has been sent to Commissioner Piebalgs at the EC
- To note is that Commissioner Piebalgs has suggested to streamline funding into 2 budgets – Global Public Goods and Civil society fund (with a proposed increase of +20% on 2011 budget). Currently some MS are against an increase in the budget: Aim to increase from 56bn to 71bn EUR (proposed for all EC external action)
- Global Public Goods (may include some migration): Food Security, Investing in People (5 current thematic programmes are going into GPGs). There will be no separate migration Thematic Programme in future
- 'DAC-able' directly linked to long-term development and poverty eradication (DG DEVCO); all other e.g. migration (DG 'Home')
- The main time-line and points from the taskforce are as follows:
 - Jan 2011 consultation (survey)
 - 7 Dec 2011 EC paper to EP and Council
 - Formalised consultation beginning now

- By Dec 2012 (latest) Council must agree unanimously on the budget (with consent of EP)
- 2013 decision on EP and Council on funding instruments and regulations
- 2014 multiannual financial framework in action
- This is an opportunity to engage between DARE forum and FDR working group of CONCORD
- Need to focus on Member States and MEPs
- CONCORD position
 - emphasis on space for civil society
 - climate change funds separate of ODA
 - avoid politicisation of ODA (via the European External Action Service)
- The main message of the DARE forum during the meeting was that the draft position of the CONCORD MFF taskforce makes no mention of development education, and is very much from an 'aid' position.
- Message from DARE: Development work: Global North citizens must be agents for change locally, nationally and globally (not about supporting aid) and then development projects in the GS. We won't overcome our local and national problems simply by doing development projects in the Global South.

4. DARE 2012 Plan

- DARE will focus on the following themes during activities and via the working groups:
 - DARE to join and input into Multi-annual Financial Framework taskforce
 - Post-MDG agenda (Beyond 2015) – critical question of aid paradigm
 - Communications: linking DE to other educations (IC, HR, ESD etc) Rio + 20 (ESD).
 - Target countries in crisis (PIIGS) and role of civil society in Ireland etc: emphasis dev cooperation but also DE

5. DEEEP 3 Mid-term evaluation and planning for DEEEP 4

- [DEEEP](#) is a project funded by the European Commission to coordinate and manage the activities of the DARE forum. The DEEEP project has been funded 3 times by the EC and is now beginning planning for the next phase of the project and application to the Commission for DEEEP 4 (post 2011).
- A mid-term evaluation of DEEEP 3 was carried out by Harm-Jan Fricke. The results paper was presented at the forum.
- DARE forum (Spring 2012) will be the last one of DEEEP 3 (ends in September 2012)

- DEEEP 3 objective capacity building; DEEEP 4 is reinforced European leadership with a focus on the need to engage European citizens and societies in global development.
- Proposed associates are: CIVICUS South Africa (Global CSO, worldwide) and CONCORD

6. Seminar: ‘Building Global Civil Society through Active Citizenship’

During meetings, the DARE forum has begun to include a public seminar on an issue of relevance to the DARE forum, and open to other invitees. This seminar had inputs from Dr Matt Bailie-Smith (University of Northumbria), Joanna Maycock (CONCORD VP and Head of Action Aid, Europe), and Ramón (Mancho) INDIGNADOS, Santander, Spain

Matt Bailie-Smith – presentation attached:

- *Development needs CITIZENS, not donors*
- *Citizens can be difficult (changing minds etc)*
- *We need to get to know them, which we haven’t done very well so far – need to understand their reality*
- *So we need to start!*

Development Education is about....

- *empowerment of citizens*
- *interconnected with their hopes and concerns (not rights/needs)*
- *Are the citizens interested? Do they care?*

Is Global Civil Society just about NGOs and institutions? Who is it? Does it really exist? Institutional networks – what about citizens? How do we get from the charity/consumption paradigm to empowered citizens connecting and acting with others?

NGO focus on membership fees: Engagement is ‘bought’ and ‘sold’. Can NGOs do anything else? Modernity is about buying and selling. If NGOs don’t do that, then people won’t get involved?

If those we engage with are difficult, we simply look for others.. i.e. the people we engage with have agency about the ‘wrong things’, for instance they don’t follow our campaign aims, and have a different focus.

But we are all different types of citizens all the time (class, gender, ethnicity, family) Our relationships, practices and acts are always in formation with identities and subjectivities. This means that there is potential for negotiation.

Social identities (as consumers and producers) and relations in the GN are ignored/smoothed over/not taken seriously.

Separation of development from engagement? DE should be part of development practice – both done to eradicate poverty!

- *Don't separate DE from development*
 - *Global injustice/majority world/poverty can't get lost*
 - *Focus on system: question ideas of growth and wealth*
- *Values:*
 - *approach to conversations*
 - *Related to power*
 - *Inclusion*
 - *Power*
- *Objective doesn't have to be explicit – it is about conversation and process (NB)*

Joanna Maycock (CONCORD VP and Head of Action Aid, Europe)

- *15 years ago ActionAid realised that they weren't challenging the structural reasons of poverty*
- *Now: changes such as local assemblies and boards in places where ActionAid works.*
- *Community Participation puts Global South citizens at the centre*
- *It's about recognising POWER – who has it? Who can take it on?*
- *To empower people, you need to give them power*
- *And ACCOUNTABILITY – citizens in GN and GS, donors etc – Challenge to get funding?*
- *GN and GS – what is poverty? Where is it? It is about EXCLUSION and INJUSTICE*
- *Global structural causes of poverty tend to be the same*
- *Focus on CHANGE (theory of change)*
- *Campaigning does not just happen in the GN, it needs to be political for instance HUNGER (land rights, food crisis and prices) and WOMEN'S RIGHTS*
- *Global Participation does not have to lead to LCD or watering down objectives. It can be the opposite – highest vision*

Ramón (Mancho) INDIGNADOS, Santander, Spain

- *Name 'Indignados' given by media*
- *IMF calls us the 'lost generation' but we grew up with all the luxuries – now 'ni nis' (a Spanish term meaning 'we neither work, nor study')*
- *Real Democracy Now is a movement on Facebook and Twitter*
- *Don't trust political parties, Trade Unions, systems.*
- *One paper with 8 basic principles*
- *May seem that they don't really care about Global South (revolution of the middle classes)*

- *Campaign is a 'watch dog': don't know what change is possible, but that change will come for sure (don't want business as usual)*

Friday 14 Oct Day 2

Today focused on planning for the next year of the work of the forum. DEEEP 3 will end in September 2012, but this shouldn't – in theory - disrupt the work of the DARE forum.

1. We had a discussion about the priorities for 2012 as above:

DARE 2012 Priorities

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2. And all of the working groups had a meeting followed by a session on feedback.

Feedback from working groups:

- **Advocacy:**
 - Have been working with the EP to have a report on DE. Write to your MEP campaign. Please share all MEP feedback with Tobias
 - Next Call for action will be Jan/Feb 2012
 - Group will update the DEEEP advocacy toolkit:
<http://www.deeep.org/index.php/advocacy/157>
 - Cross-sectoral partnerships (with other educations/networks linked to DE)
- School Curricula – will be changing the working group name to: **FORMAL EDUCATION**
 - They need ideas for contributions to a thematic dossier on DE in formal education, e.g. schools and teacher training. All ideas welcome e.g. DICE? Dóchas/IDEA?
 - Position Paper – help needed for drafting
- **Communications/Code of Conduct**
 - Highlight CoC in development debates
 - Put translations of CoC on DEEEP website
 - National platforms to disseminate DEEEP site
<http://www.deeep.org/index.php/code-of-conduct>

- Review Communications strategy (take stock of what has been done so far)
- CoC survey on implementation of the Code will be disseminated in Feb 2012
- Design an icon/logo for the CoC within CONCORD
- **Quality and Impact**
 - Continuing to develop a framework for Q and I in DE.
- **Youth and Children**
 - Dissemination of position paper and thematic dossier
 - Focus on Beyond 2015 will be to include more voices in DE debates, using the role that 'youth and children' can have as a model. Link to Q and I working group?
 - Feedback to DARE (Nicole) rep on MFF task-force
 - Look to engage with other education actors/networks (with Advocacy group)

3. DESS 2012

- I attach the concept note for DE Summer School 2012. In DEEEP 4, the Summer School will not be continued in it's current form. All comments on next year's theme are welcome, please send to me before end of October.

4. Update on European Development Education multi-stakeholder process.

The European Multi-stakeholder group on Development Education (MSH) was founded in 2006, during the Helsinki Conference on Development Education and Awareness Raising. The Multi-stakeholder group members are experts from national governments, European institutions, international organisation, and civil society. It has entered it's 3rd phase and had great difficulty in coming up with and agreeing on a plan. Previous years they have worked on the European Consensus on Development Education (Phase I), Joint event at the European Development Days(Panel) and production of DE Watch (Phase II). There is not specific project for Phase III.

5. AOB

- CONCORD identity and branding event 9 Nov – Will someone from Dóchas be there?
 - DARE want to stress the importance of the 'Values and Frames' debate as well as working towards a Global Civil Society, and the need to strengthen the Code of Conduct within CONCORD
 - Next meeting of the DARE foun, Lisbon (May 2012) – to be confirmed.