



# BRIGHTON PEACE & ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is a charity which aims to raise awareness and understanding of social justice, peace, sustainable development and environmental protection matters by providing information, education and positive practical solutions to global problems.

In 2007 Brighton Peace and Environment Centre celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For a quarter of a century, the organisation has served as an essential community resource within the heart of Brighton. As an organisation we work together with community groups, schools, local council, businesses and the wider public.



## ● Providing Information

Brighton Peace and Environment Centre is based in a city centre location and provides an information point for the public on local organisations, activities and events. This includes a specialist library, leaflet displays, events listings, information sheets on ethical living and the popular Green Pages, the brilliant guide to greener living in Brighton and Hove. The Green Pages holds free listings for local green businesses, providing essential support as they grow and develop.



## ● Providing Education

The schools programme is well regarded in the city, providing training and support for teachers on developing Global Citizenship in the curriculum. The centre hosts a teachers resource library with over 800 teaching resources borrowed by schools last year. Regular training is held with teachers in schools and at conferences and we are involved in projects in partnership with the City's Children and Young People's trust.

Last year Brighton Peace and Environment Centre was awarded an Argus Eco Award for our community learning with older people's groups on issues of sustainability.

## ● Providing Volunteer Opportunities

The centre provides quality volunteering opportunities in the city and we currently have 17 volunteers supporting the organisation. The volunteers are from a wide range of backgrounds and are gaining essential experience for working in the voluntary and environmental sector.

## ● Climate Connections

We are very excited about launching this new project in Partnership with Oxfam GB and Brighton and Hove City Council Sustainability Team.

Climate Connections is a public engagement project to increase knowledge and understanding of climate change issues and how individuals can respond. It will raise awareness of the connections between climate change, its effect on the developing world and how it is hampering efforts to reduce poverty and work toward the Millennium Development Goals. This will be achieved by making connections between human stories of individuals both locally and globally who are experiencing the effects of climate change and having to make adaptations in their lives in response to these effects. The stories will also highlight actions that these individuals are making to reduce their impact on the causes of climate change, inspiring others to make change and take action. The stories will be explored in three ways through a photographic exhibition, workshops and website.



