



student action on world poverty and the environment

Forum 2006: University Groups skills share

Overview

At the start of the session the group split into four groups (HIV/AIDS, Climate Change, Trade campaigns, handover/recruitment) to share the latest events from across the network. This allowed everybody to gain ideas for future events and campaigning directions. There was also time for a quick questions and answer clinic about various problem/hurdles which sparked discussion within the groups.

The second half of the skill share was dedicated to brainstorming ideas for how the network could share information, facilitated by the support office all year round, not just at the annual events such as the Forum, Summer Gathering and Shared Planet. Groups were asked to brainstorm their ideas and present back to the group.

Outcomes

- Network members gained motivation and ideas from other P&P groups running the same campaigns/in similar situations.
- Network members had a chance to ask other members and staff for help with any current campaign problems/hurdles.
- Staff gained the latest news from what is happening on the ground for each campaign.
- Ideas were generated for future network skill and resource sharing including (summary of flip charts):

<p><u>Website</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Space to upload resources (for P&P campaigns + non-P&P campaigns) e.g. Posters, flyers, briefings, training materials, model motions, policies etc - Online Forum (Oxford forum?) - Links page (for non-P&P) campaigns + local campaigns - Resources on how to set up/run websites - Contact list of all P&P groups - More case studies of success stories/top tips
<p><u>Newsletter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student input into monthly newsletter
<p><u>Email</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More on key organisers e-group? - Campaign heads know contact details of others - RR's/Staff on email lists
<p><u>Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More regional meetings – foreign exchanges – e.g. Go along to another groups meeting - Inviting local groups/vi forms to events/meetings/socials - Groups to work together to provide more support e.g. Big events/freshers fair's
<p><u>Groups</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dedicate a communication officer on the executive to act as main contact/look at message boards
<p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Offices? - Regional Reps to play a larger role...

To follow up...

The People & Planet Universities team will draw up a network skill sharing proposal based on the brainstorming generated during the session. This will include consultation with the P&P staff team as to what can be done given the current resources within People & Planet. We will circulate the proposal on the 'Key Organisers' e-group for further input. There will also be an opportunity to discuss these ideas further at the Summer Gathering (2-6th July)

Please contact unigroups@peopleandplanet.org if you have any questions or input!