

AFRICA CENTRE



ANNUAL REPORT 2010



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CHAIRPERSON'S INTRODUCTION

It gives me great pleasure in introducing to you the annual report of the Africa Centre for the year 2010. I strongly believe that you would find it useful and enticingly informative. The year has been most challenging in many fronts especially with the early resignation of two board members and a co-opted board member due to circumstances beyond their control. In spite of this, enough effort and courage was utilised in keeping to our strategic plan 2008 – 2011.

During the course of the year, the Centre organised various events such as training courses through the Development education department, Seminars, Workshops, African health initiative, Africa Day to name a few. Special commendation should be given to the Development education section of the Centre for the effort that went into organising the various programmes. The Centre also won an EU tender (in conjunction with ACSONI and Slovenia) which is now beginning its second year. While it has been a challenge, it is a worthwhile experience that has raised the profile of the Centre. The project has taken a great proportion of the staff's time. It has also led to the appointment of an Accounts Officer for the Centre.

As afore-mentioned, there were tremendous challenges which have impeded the progress of the current board. This is due to the departure of Wale Mogaji very early in the tenure and later Mohlakoana Mote who was the Chairperson. Their immense contribution during their tenure is highly appreciated and we wish them well in their future endeavour. I would like to pay special tribute to Mote who has laboured intensely in the affairs of the Centre over the years and would be sadly missed. Farouq Kamara who was co-opted as a board member also resigned and I would like to thank him for his interest and service in the Centre over the period.

As we all know, the achievement and accomplishments of the Centre would be impossible without the dedicated service of the men and women who over the years have supported the Centre in various capacities – consultants, staff, volunteers, facilitators, mentors and donors. Without them there would be no Africa Centre.

It also gives me great pleasure to inform you that after much deliberation, the Centre has moved to its current location which is more conducive for staff and members. This new office premises would be officially opened today, 30th June, 2011.

On behalf of the board, I would like to express my sincere and profound heartfelt gratitude to all the staff past & present (Eric, Mbemba, Rebecca, Ciaran, Iwa, JJ & Kwame) for their tireless and dedicated service during the year. I thank the board despite the upheavals for their support. I would in particular like to thank those who would be stepping down from the board (Mathias & Nchedo) for their long and dedicated service. I am confident their support for the Centre would continue.

As the Centre looks forward to celebrating its 10th anniversary later this year, I strongly believe that more than ever the Centre and its activities is a necessity for Africans and the Diaspora. The mission is definitely achievable with strong, dedicated and visionary leadership.

Finally, I would like to thank members of the Africa Centre, funders, contributors and supporters for ensuring that the organisation grows from strength to strength. I would encourage that this spirit be upheld in the coming years.

Abimbola Afolabi
Chairperson

Core Aims

1. Promote personal and community empowerment

Advice and Referrals

The Africa Centre continues to provide advice and referral services to both individual and group clients. During 2010, we continued to receive various types of queries by phone, email and in person, with people dropping into our office to seek information and advice. Queries received mainly came from the African community regarding advice and information about immigration, employment, education, social welfare entitlement and housing. We also received queries coming from members of the host community, mainly students, researchers, media people and others who have an interest in Africa.

The Centre also continued to provide various forms of assistance to other African individuals during the year.

Employability Project Seminar

The employability project commenced with a seminar on African entrepreneurship on Wednesday, 12th May, 2010 at the Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council, Wood Quay, Dublin 8.

Speakers at the seminar were Mr. Jerry Folan, Integration Unit, Dublin City Council, Mr. Adeola Ogunsina, CEO, On Site Refuelling and Mr. Peter Smyth, Director, Institute for Minority Entrepreneurship, Dublin City Council.

The purpose of the seminar and the follow up training course was to encourage and train Africans on the basics needed to start their own business and the opportunities that exist in Ireland for this.

Training Course

The training course on "Starting Your Own Business" took place from 14th June to 20th August at the Dublin Central Mission on 9c Lower Abbey Street, Dublin 1. The course was held two nights a week during that period and the following topics:

Who is the Entrepreneur

Evaluating your business idea

How to write a business plan

Legal issues you need to consider

Management & operations

Marketing strategies

Developing communication skills

Importance of technology management

Where to get Finance

Bringing it all together

A total of 15 people from the African, Irish and Caribbean communities attended the course.

African Youth Society

The African Youth Society was launched on Friday, 14th May, 2010 by Mr. Akinlode, who represented the Nigerian Ambassador to Ireland, H.E. Dr. Kemafo Nonyerem Chikwe. The launch took place at 6pm in the main hall of the Centre's offices on Lower Abbey Street. The aim of the youth society is to create a space for interaction and engagement between African youths and their Irish counterparts as well as youths from other community groups. The plan was to enable the youths to be able to play board games, have tea and coffee and interact with each

other. Other activities envisaged are debates on issues affecting youths. We are currently looking at funding opportunities to get the project running effectively. The centre has also spoken to a youth worker to conduct a research on the needs of the youth. We however have not yet secured the funds needed to get the research conducted.

Civic Participation – Launch of Voter Education Report

In November 2008, The Centre in partnership with the New Communities Partnership launched a Voter Registration & Education Campaign aimed at the local elections held in 2009.

The theme of the campaign was '**OUR VOTE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**', and it encouraged as many immigrants as possible to register and to use their vote the 2009 Local Elections. The campaign aimed to encourage 10,000 immigrants to register in 10 Local Authorities and to cast their vote in local elections on 5 June 2009.

After the campaign, an independent consultant was commissioned to evaluate the campaign and write a report on its effectiveness. The report documents the journey from the beginning of the campaign where over 400 people benefitted from training in Voter Registration in Dublin, Cork & Kildare to the final days where voters attended 13 '*Meet the Candidate*' sessions in Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Galway, meeting 25 Local Election candidates.

We are very pleased with the final result - 15,681 immigrants registered in the 10 Local Authorities – 44% increase on the numbers registered prior to June 2009.

This report was launched by Mary white T.D. Minister for Integration on 15th June, 2010 at the Wood Quay Venue at the Dublin City Council.

The report is available.

World Refugee Day

The Centre teamed up with UNHCR, SARI and a few other organisations to celebrate World Refugee Day. This took place on the 20th of June, 2010 in the form of a soccer tournament. The Centre had a stand there and also put together a team comprising staff and volunteers. The team came fourth in the tournament and it comprised asylum seekers, refugees and the Centre staff with the coordinator in goal.

Toyoshi Shittabey

The untimely killing of this young boy shocked most people in Ireland. The Centre was represented at meetings between Africans and the Gardai and also joined family and friends in a candle light procession in Tyrrelstown.

The Centre issued a press release condemning the killing and took part in a number of radio and print media interviews on topics related to the issue. The coordinator met the family to offer condolences on behalf of the Centre. The Centre was represented at meetings at the family residence and actively supported the solidarity march held in Dublin to denounce the killing of this innocent young African.

The Centre maintained its presence within the community throughout this period, providing as much support as possible.

2. Contribute and Promote an African Perspective to Development Education

In 2010, the Africa Centre's Development Education Programme made significant inroads within the development education sector in Ireland and in Europe. The Centre was successful in its application to the European Commission to undertake development education projects in the republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and in Slovenia. The centre is the lead partner in this project and the other partners are the Afro community Support Organisation in Northern Ireland (ACSONI) and the African Centre in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The following activities took place:

21st Jan: World Wise forum, Crooke Park

The Centre staff facilitated two workshops to a group of 15-17 year old students. Each group had 20-25 students. The workshops focused on the Africa Also Smiles campaign concerning perceptions of the continent of Africa aimed towards students linking with an African partner school. One of the students gave feedback to the wider group stating that he learned how we in Ireland are so dependent on resources from Africa. It was also great to see one of the schools from Cavan who had linked with a school in Zimbabwe display an Africa Also Smiles poster at their stand.

23rd February, Marino Institute of Education Resource Fair

Mbemba participated at the Marino institute for Teacher Education to share development Education materials with teacher trainees. There were over 200 participants at the fair and we distributed 100 copies of the Africa Also Smiles posters and stickers. Some of the students have taken up projects with a focus on Africa and they will be using our resources for that. Also due to our engagement on the day, we now have many of the students as our facebook friends and they have started attending our events.

24th February, IDEA National Council Meeting

The Centre continues to be on the board of the Irish Development Education association (IDEA). The centre is represented by Mbemba, who attends IDEA national council meeting on behalf of the Africa Centre.

18th -25th Feb: 'You are a part of the World, be a part of its Future' Training Course in Busteni, Romania

As part of its continued commitment to staff development, the Centre facilitates training courses and seminars for staff. In line with this, Rebecca took part in the above course. The aim of the course was to create awareness in the area of sustainable development among Europeans. Through intense training she would become a global education multiplier. She learned about different development education methodologies and about monitoring, evaluation and self evaluation. She also adopted the new methodologies into the workshops and restructured the assessment and evaluation process of our courses.

9th – 10th March: Working with the Media Course Galway

This course took place in collaboration with DTALK. The course had 7 participants. Feedback from evaluations proved it was successful and participants found it beneficial to their needs. Some comments included;

'Feedback from my Radio Interview allowed me to discover my strength and weakness' 'the facilitator was very friendly and created a friendly atmosphere for us.'

'A very interesting course, it has encouraged me to upgrade and follow-up on its content'

12th March Ubuntu Workshop

The Centre facilitated a workshop for teachers in training. This was part of a request from the Ubuntu network. The workshop portrayed the interconnectedness between Africa and Ireland and attempted to look at charity work of the west through an African perspective. Students were shocked when they discovered that Morocco, Egypt and Tunisia were part of the continent of Africa.

16th March: DKIT 'All of Us' Intercultural Exhibition

DKIT invited the Africa Centre to have a stand at the above event. We made many new contacts and had 50 people sign up for the African Youth Society.

Global Educator in Residence Training

Rebecca also part took in the above course coordinated by IDEA. The course involved a workshop in Portlaoise, online debates, journal entries and a visit from a development education academic from the Brazil. The visit was very beneficial as it was good to have someone from the outside looking at our work. We structured our meeting so that we would get a critique of the events we currently co-ordinate and also looked our strategy plan and where the Africa Centre will go next.

9th April: Information Evening Galway

The Evening focused on minority rights and the panel was made up of individuals from the Galway Partnership, Integrating Ireland, Refugee Information Service and Migrant Rights Galway. The evening was a success and many organisations expressed their interest in collaborating with the Africa Centre. They also expressed an interest for more information evenings. Again we received many contact details for future events.

14th-22nd April Training for Trainers Dublin

This course had a total of 14 participants and was held in the Irish Aid Centre. Participants were very motivated and one has already facilitated a workshop.

Some feedback from the course included

'It was a pleasure to attend the course. I looked forward to everyday with anticipation. The content was well presented. I found the facilitators well prepared and knowledgeable about their subject matter'.

'The course achieved its objectives and empowered the group with a firm background on equality, injustice and development education'.

'I do believe it created a new awareness to world realities'.

23rd April, Dochas AGM and Conference

We attended our first Dochas AGM. There were over 35 organisations in attendance, mostly from the development sector. Our presence at the AGM was very important as we were the only ethnic minority organization present and members of Dochas.

29th April Ballyfermot VEC

The Centre staff gave a presentation to a group of 30 students who are studying journalism. The talk focused on the use of imbalanced images and messages in the media. Ballyfermot staff said they would be interested in collaborating with the Africa centre in future trainings and provide us with the technical expertise to produce a documentary. The college is also twinned with a college in Zambia where students in both countries write articles for a newsletter distributed among both colleges. The editor of the Ballyfermot edition indicated an interest in interviewing the Africa Centre. I got feedback that students found the session beneficial and stimulating.

24th April LASC LAW conference at the Manson House, Dublin 2

The Africa Centre was invited to facilitate a workshop on Food sovereignty. Mbemba went to the event and facilitated a workshop on how food sovereignty is been affected in Ireland and what role Ireland has in the EU. The workshop was attended by 10 people and most of the participants expressed their delight to see Africa Centre participating in events like this, especially bring in the African perspective.

28th April, Lourdes Youth and Community Services (LYCS), Training.

Lourdes Youth and Community Services invited the Africa Centre to facilitate a session on their regional training for community and development education workers in Portalinton in Laois. The training was attending by 25 participants in the Laois area and most of them expressed their interest to work with the Africa Centre in the areas of Development Education and integration activities.

5th – 10th July Training for Trainers Galway This course offered an overview of some of the main issues in global development such as racism, trade & aid sustainability, and gender. As each of these could fill an entire course on its own, these sessions offered a snapshot of the issues and how they can be explored in classrooms and workshops.

The course was organised by the Galway One World Centre in conjunction with the Africa Centre and was attended by 12 participants.

29th -30th July Exploring Africa Course Cork

The Africa Centre in collaboration with DTALK ran its third Exploring Africa Course in NASC, Cork. This course introduced its 14 participants to Africa's contribution towards human civilisation and the richness of its culture and resources. The course also took a closer look at the area of peace and conflict and its political and global connections.

Participants were enjoyed sessions in the following topics:

- Culture, Society and Stereotypes of Africa
- African Politics and Global Connections
- Africa Contribution to Human Civilization

14th & 15th July Conference on the Uses of Images and Messages – A Human Rights Issue!

The Africa Centre's Conference took place on Wednesday **14th** and Thursday **15th July 2010, Dublin Castle**. The Conference was opened on Wednesday evening by the Coordinator of the Africa Centre and Elaine Mahon from the Dochas Development Education Working Group. H.E. Jeremiah Ndou, South Africa Ambassador to Ireland gave a speech on Nelson Mandela's work on Human Rights and Social Justice. This was in line with the upcoming Nelson Mandela day on the 18th July. H.E. Kemafo Nonyerem Chikwe, Nigerian Ambassador to Ireland also spoke about the Images of Africa portrayed in the global North and the Messages they send. The evening finished with a thought provoking creative action produced by Arambe Production and powerful Contemporary Classical Music from Clover Watts and Gary McDowell.

The following day started with speeches from Fionuala Quinlan, Irish Aid Press Officer and Keynote speaker Transnational Justice Institute, University of Ulster. Participants then broke up into workshop groups where various themes were explored deeper through presentations given by Conference Contributors. Facilitators from the Workshops formed our panel which provided for some constructive debate. The day ended with a Reflection Session forming next steps for the Africa Centre to take on its Africa Also Smiles campaign. The Conference was then closed by the coordinator.

The Conference was attended by 150 people and was aired on RTE 11 O'clock news. The conference report is available.

27th August World Wise Workshop

Worldwise collaborated with IDEA to put together a suite of three 2-hour workshops which they felt would provide a good source in linking schools and dev ed. Facilitators from different organisations were trained on this source so that they are prepared to facilitate such workshops when contacted by the schools. Each organisation will receive €120 per workshop facilitated. Mbemba and Rebecca attended the Workshop

2-7th September Development education Training in Slovenia

Mbemba travelled to facilitate development education training for trainers organised by African Centre Slovenia, our EU partner on the development education. During the trip he and Ciaran met with SLOGA, the Slovenian platform for NGOs (like Dochas in Ireland) and the Irish Ambassador for Slovenia to discuss the EU funding collaboration with the African Centre Slovenia.

18th & 25th September Radio training with Near90FM

Mbemba, Farouq and Winifred attended Radio training with Near90FM, a community radio station in Coolock as part of our development education EU programme to start a radio programme bring an African perspective in discussion development issues. Three programmes are planned from September 2010 to February 2011. The first one in November on Images and messages, The second in February on Aid effectiveness and the third in February on the myths and realities of migration.

1st October Age Action Conference: New Voices in Development, putting older people in the agenda

Mbemba and Rebecca attended Age Action conference. Mbemba facilitated a group discussion on the challenges facing Irish Aid funded NGOs on programmes related to older people and looking at older people's reaction to the speeches at the conference.

Opinion Poll

An opinion poll as part of the EU project took place from the 10th to 20th December, 2010. Survey questions were developed jointly by Africa Centre and ACSONI (Afro Community Support Organisation Northern Ireland), with the view of gauging the general knowledge that people had of Africa. A weblink to the survey was emailed via the Africa Centre's members list and personal contacts and a link was set up on Africa Centre's Facebook. A total of 89 individuals responded via the weblink, while 5 responded via Facebook. The main shortfall of this survey was that it was limited to the Africa Centre members, personal family and friends, which perhaps did not show accurate public opinion. 94 people responded to the poll.

CORE AIM 3: Proactively engage in policy, research and networking, and encourage interaction and debate in the wider society.

1st May, 2010: Mini World Cup Tournament

The Centre held a 5 a side mini world cup tournament on 1st May this year at Bushy Park from 11am to 5pm. This tournament was held to highlight the world cup scheduled for South Africa in the summer. It went very well and though it was a rainy day, 19 out of the 32 teams that registered were there to participate.

There was African food for sale and also African music. People had the opportunity to interact with each other in a very friendly atmosphere. Some of the teams that came were from the American Embassy, Idea, the Gardai, among others. The tournament was won by the team representing Spain.

Below is an email from one of the participants. It says everything about the impact of this activity.

My name is Derek Kavanagh and I'm writing this email today to commend the Africa centre on the superb mini world cup event which took place in bushy park yesterday the 1st of May 2010.

Unfortunately I was injured during the tournament during a quarter final match but thanks to a superbly organized event the outstanding staff from the Red Cross who were on hand to take care of my injury quickly and very professionally I am happy to report my ankle was not broken, the ankle was very badly sprained but I will make a full recovery.

The day itself was brilliant; I and my friends got to mix with people from a vast range of different cultures and countries and the overall atmosphere on the day was amazing and we were delighted to make a number of friends on the day from countries such as South Africa, Lithuania and Cameroon to name but a few.

Everything from the football right down to the food available, the music and interviews at the DJ boot made for a day to remember and when my team won the tournament on penalties that was just the icing on the cake!!!!!!!

I will cherish the winner's trophy i received from this event as it is a memory of what was a day to remember,

Thanks to everyone at the Africa Centre,

Africa Day

Concert

The Africa Centre continues to be a member of the Africa Day organising committee by the invitation of Irish Aid.

As we do annually, the Centre hosted a concert on **Friday, 14th May, 2010** to celebrate Africa Day. This concert took place in the main hall of the Methodist church building. Two locally based African bands performed at the concert. Babadorie, a youth band made up of African and Irish youths and Congolese band Motema, featured. The concert brought together people from different walks of life.

Family Day - Dublin

The Centre participated in the Africa Day Family Day organised by Irish aid on **Sunday, 16th May, 2010** at the Iveagh gardens. The Centre had its usual stand where a lot of arts and craft material were displayed. In addition, training sessions were held for people who wanted to

learn about the African rhythm and how to play the African drum. There was a competition to test people's knowledge of African geography with African jigsaws. These activities brought over a hundred people to the Centre's stand.

Food Security and Climate Change Conference

The Coordinator was a speaker at a conference on "Food Security & Climate Change in Africa" held at University College, Dublin, on May 20th. The event was organised by **Self Help Africa** in association with the **School of Agriculture, Food Science and Veterinary Medicine** at UCD, who hosted the event.

The conference was held as part of the programme of events taking place nationally to mark 'Africa Day', and was opened by **Minister of State for Overseas Development Mr. Peter Power**. Other speakers at the conference were:

Professor John Sweeney - *One of Ireland's leading climatologists and a lecturer at NUI Maynooth. He was one of a panel of scientists to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for their work on climate change, and has worked in Africa.*

Prof Mike Gibney - *Prof Gibney is a leading international authority on human nutrition, and a lecturer at UCD's School of Agriculture and Food Sciences. He was a member of the Irish Government's Hunger Task Force.*

William Chadza - *Director of CEPA, the Centre for Environmental Policy and Advocacy in Malawi, Mr. Chadza is an advocate for climate change adaptation, and a campaigner for government policy development in this area.*

Jenny Rafanomezana - *Policy & research co-ordinator at Self Help Africa,*

Annual Lecture

On **Africa Day, Tuesday, 25th May, 2010**, the Africa Centre's Annual Lecture took place from 12 to 3pm at the Robert Emmet Theatre, Trinity College. The topic for this year's lecture was **Sports as a catalyst to development in Africa**.

The Guest speaker was Ms. Florence Ayisi, a filmmaker and lecturer with the International Film School Wales (IFSW), Newport School of Art, Media and Design, University of Wales, Newport. Her award winning documentary, the Zambezi Queens was shown.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Don Mullan, former Director of Afri and the Chairperson was Paddy Maguinness, Managing Director of Traid Links.

Family Day - Limerick

Africa Day in Limerick took place on Sunday, 30th May, 2010. The Centre was represented by the Coordinator and two volunteers and the Centre's stand was similar to the one in Dublin.

CORE AIM 4: To build capacity and a strong organisational structure to support the work of the Africa Centre.

Staffing Issues

Interviews for the Positions of Programme Assistant and Accounts Officer were held between the 30th March and 8th April 2010. Rebecca O'Halloran and Ciaran Stewart were successful in their applications.

In view of Ciaran's appointment, Sebit Iwa was been re-assigned to the Community empowerment programme. Prior to this time, the Centre did not have anyone assigned to this specific area of activity.

Funding

DEVED

The Africa Centre applied for a development education project with the European Commission. This project required that there are at least three partners involved from the European Union. The Centre invited the Afro Community Support Organisation of Northern Ireland, (ACSONI) and the African centre in Slovenia to partner in the project.

Our application was successful and was the only application with an Irish led consortium.

This is a major achievement for the Africa Centre.

contract for the EU Development Education Programme was signed by the Centre on 12th April, 2010. The project finally commenced with projects being run in all three project areas of Northern Ireland, South Ireland and Slovenia.

Irish Aid

The Centre entered its final year of the Irish Aid three year multi annual funding and from January 2011, will be entering the final year of the Joseph Rowntree funding. In view of this, we have already commenced looking for funding from other sources to match the funding from the European Commission.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

In 2011, The Centre will be entering its final year of funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust. The Trust has supported the Centre over the years and this has been a great boost to the Centre. we hope that our application to them in 2011 will be successful.

Dublin City Council

The Centre continues to enjoy a productive and healthy relationship with the integration Department of Dublin city council, who have provided various forms of assistance to the Centre. The department has also actively supported the Centre's employment and civic participation projects.

African Health Initiative

One of the two applications submitted for the African health initiative was successful. We were informed by the HSE confirming an amount of €2,000 for this activity.

Community Foundation of Ireland

Three funding applications have been submitted to the Community foundation for our community empowerment programme. We are awaiting a response from them.

ERF

Our ERF application was unsuccessful. This was a big blow to us as a lot of plans had been made and other activities were incorporated in this application which would have benefited our brothers and sisters in the asylum process as well as those who have been granted refugee status.

APPENDIX (1): FUNDERS AND AUDITORS

Key Funders for 2010

- The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
- Irish Aid
- European Commission
- Dublin City Council
- Community Foundation Ireland
- Health Service Executive

Auditors

Gargan and Associates
1 Church View
Lower Main Street
Lucan
Co. Dublin

APPENDIX (2): BOARD AND STAFF MEMBERS

Board of Directors

- Abimbola Afolabi, *Chairperson*
- Matthias Fiedler, *Member*
- Sahr Yambasu, *Member*
- Mary Coogan, *Member*
- Nchedo Obi-Igweilo, *Member*
- Selam Desta, *Member*
- Mirreille Ndikumagenge, *Member*
- David Nyaluke, *Member*

Staff

- Eric Yao, *Coordinator and Company Secretary*
- Mbemba Jabbi, *Programme Officer, Development Education*
- Rebecca O'Halloran, *Programme Assistant, Development Education*
- Ciaran Stewart, *Accounts Officer*
- Sebit Iwa, *Volunteer, Community Empowerment Programme*
- John Murinye, *Volunteer*

Appendix 3

Vision

The vision of the Africa Centre is of an Ireland that enables and is transformed by the full interconnected sharing and relationships between Africa and Ireland, an Ireland where Africans belong, are at home and participate fully with all other Irish communities in a just society, and of a society that is just, inclusive, enriched by the fullest interdependence, sharing and relationship between Africa and Ireland that leads to a sense of belonging, stability and creativity for all

Mission

Our Mission is to work to advocate, educate and network towards a just and inclusive society in Ireland, advancing attitudes, policies and actions that promote justice, social inclusion and meaningful participation for African communities in Ireland and encouraging a more positive Africa-Ireland exchange

Values

Our Values are respect and equality, the spirit of 'ubuntu' – of our connectedness as human beings to one another and a culture that nurtures participation and interdependence. The Africa Centre also works with the following values:

- Equality
- Anti-racism
- Participation
- Inclusion
- Learning
- Just society
- Belonging / home
- Stability
- Creativity
- Connectedness
- Relationship

AIMS OF THE AFRICA CENTRE

- Contribute and promote an African perspective within development education.
- Promote personal and community empowerment of Africans in Ireland.
- Proactively engage in policy, research and networking and encourage interaction and debate in the wider society.
- Build capacity and a strong organisational structure to support the work of the Africa Centre

Appendix 4: Financial Statement

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2010

		Continuing operations	
		2010	2009
	Notes	€	€
Income	3	262,683	163,895
Expenditure		(248,106)	(225,403)
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>14,577</u>	<u>(61,508)</u>
Tax on surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities on ordinary activities after taxation		-	-
		<u>14,577</u>	<u>(61,508)</u>
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		14,577	(61,508)
Balance brought forward		(17,092)	44,416
Balance carried forward		<u>(2,515)</u>	<u>(17,092)</u>

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus or deficit for the above two financial years.

Balance sheet
as at 31st December 2010

	2010	2009
Notes	€	€
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	4,119	4,147
Current assets		
Debtors	3,519	4,801
Cash at bank and in hand	146,954	39,164
	<u>150,473</u>	<u>43,965</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(157,107)</u>	<u>(65,204)</u>
Net current liabilities	<u>(6,634)</u>	<u>(21,239)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities	<u>(2,515)</u>	<u>(17,092)</u>
Deficiency of assets	<u>(2,515)</u>	<u>(17,092)</u>
Capital and reserves		
Income and expenditure account	<u>(2,515)</u>	<u>(17,092)</u>
Members' funds	<u>(2,515)</u>	<u>(17,092)</u>

**Cash flow statement
for the year ended 31st December 2010**

	2010	2009
Notes	€	€
Reconciliation of operating surplus to net cash Inflow from operating activities		
Operating surplus	14,577	(61,508)
Depreciation	2,464	2,105
Decrease in debtors	1,282	(1,031)
Increase in creditors	91,869	(2,593)
	<u>110,192</u>	<u>(63,027)</u>
Cash flow statement		
Net cash Inflow from operating activities	110,192	(63,027)
Capital expenditure	(2,436)	(2,298)
	<u>107,756</u>	<u>(65,325)</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds		
Increase in cash in the year	107,756	(65,325)
Net cash inflow from issue of shares classed as financial liabilities	-	-
Net funds at 1st January 2010	<u>38,904</u>	<u>104,229</u>
Net funds at 31st December 2010	<u>146,660</u>	<u>38,904</u>

**Detailed Income and Expenditure account
for the year ended 31st December 2010**

	2010		2009	
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Donations		480		105
EU Development Education		115,523		-
Dublin Conference Income		2,241		-
Exploring Africa Course Income		2,400		-
Other Programmes Income		640		-
Mini World Cup		1,204		-
Membership donations		605		350
Irish aid		66,708		75,000
Trocaire grant		3,333		4,667
Joseph Rowntree charitable trust		50,000		50,000
Training fees		-		1,172
Dublin city council		10,000		15,000
Interest received		549		124
Irish Aid Africa day		9,000		15,000
Africa day ticket sales		-		2,477
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		262,683		163,895
Direct activities				
Africa day		8,428	37,045	
Participants expenses		1,775	2,424	
Annual lecture		10,623	3,444	
Organisational development		2,000	1,059	
African community forum		-	350	
World refugee day		-	593	
Development education materials and activities		24,282	24,585	
Voters registration campaign		-	5,755	
Employability		-	3,349	
Project Africa smiles		917	465	
Fund raising dinner		-	1,052	
Mini World Cup		4,551	-	
Employable Project		2,101	-	
Voter Education Report Launch		337	-	
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		(55,014)		(80,121)
Gross surplus		<hr/>		<hr/>
	79%	207,669	51%	83,774
Administrative expenses		193,092		145,282
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		(193,092)		(145,282)
Operating surplus		<hr/>		<hr/>
	38%	14,577	36%	(61,508)

**Administrative expenses
for the year ended 31st December 2010**

	2010	2009
	€	€
Administrative expenses		
Wages and salaries	132,167	103,092
Employer's PRSI contributions	14,093	10,401
Volunteer expenses	4,375	6,669
Travel Expenses	9,810	-
Rent payable	8,400	8,400
Insurance	748	871
Website and IT maintenance	2,293	1,114
Printing, postage and stationery	2,606	1,161
Advertising	-	465
Telephone	4,529	3,472
Audit	6,459	3,907
Bank charges	612	523
General expenses	4,536	3,102
Depreciation on FF & Equipment	2,464	2,105
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	193,092	145,282
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