

## How you can take part

**Please note:** students may only attend this conference if their school has registered as a GSF Partner School, and if they are selected to represent their school.

The process for involvement is simple...

1. If you have received this brochure but are not a teacher – take it to your school’s head of sixth form, head of R.E, or teacher in charge of Citizenship.
2. The school sends in the completed Registration Form below, together with an official school order for £300 plus VAT (£352.50 in total) - please make out the order to The Damaris Trust.
3. We will reply by emailing the contact email address with your GSF Partner School Registration Number.
4. We will send all the material, resources and tickets for your school to the contact address at appropriate times.

### GSF Partner School Registration Form

Please register our school as a GSF Partner School for the period up to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.  
I enclose an official school order for £352.50 (including VAT) for the membership fee for this period (please make out the order to The Damaris Trust).

School name: .....

School address: .....

School postcode: ..... School phone number: .....

Contact title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other: .....

First name: ..... Surname: .....

Contact role in school: .....

Contact address: .....

Contact postcode: ..... Contact phone number: .....

Contact email address: .....

N.B. This is important since we will send your registration number to this email address

#### Please post this to:

Global Student Forum, PO Box 200, Southampton SO17 2DL

#### Or fax it to:

023 8068 2779 (Damaris Trust Office). Please then call 023 8068 2750 to ensure it's been received

N.B. Remember to include the official school order

Global Student Forum and Department for International Development  
present...

# EVERYBODY WANTS A PEACE

The National Sixth  
Form Conference

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, 10am – 3:30pm. Westminster, London

A conference to inspire and equip your sixth formers to:

- be peer educators for global citizenship in your school
- be enabled to run your own Regional GSF Conference for schools in your area
- meet and speak to current political leaders



Poster available from [warchild.org.uk](http://warchild.org.uk)



In association with War Child



I am delighted that DFID is sponsoring this event, helping the next generation better understand the world they will inherit and the meaningful contribution that they personally can make to reducing poverty.

Douglas Alexander  
Secretary of State  
for International Development



Sponsored by Christian Aid, Damaris, World Vision

Community cohesion requires a global as well as a local dimension. In a world of social, religious and ideological diversity, we must find ways to transform conflict into opportunities for secure, peaceful and positive development. GSF2008 will provide a forum for young people to explore this for themselves. It will focus on conflict resolution, with a particular emphasis on young people in developing countries – highlighted by former child soldiers who will be taking part.

### Our three learning objectives for the conference (and the Peer Educator Pack) are to:

- **Explore why wars start.** What causes wars, particularly in developing countries? Is there such a thing as a 'just' war?
- **Understand who is affected by wars.** How are young people affected by war, particularly in developing countries? How does war affect people long after the guns have fallen silent?
- **Consider what we can do to promote peace.** What can be done to transform conflict, locally and globally? What roles do reconciliation and forgiveness play?



### Conference Outcomes

The conference will have three main outcomes for your sixth formers:

- They will return to your school inspired and equipped as peer educators in global citizenship
- They will meet and speak to current political leaders
- They will be able to run your own Regional GSF Conference for schools in your area

### Taking Part as Peer Educators

Sixth formers who attend the conference will gain knowledge of the issues in order to lead assemblies and teach RE and Citizenship lessons.

Many schools now build GSF into their curriculum, using this conference to train sixth form peer educators who then teach special days in enrichment week and citizenship lessons through the autumn term.

### Meeting Political Leaders

At GSF2008 young people will meet with political leaders and be able to record short videos to play in your school.

Many sixth formers who attend the conference then go straight to the Houses of Parliament for pre-arranged meetings with their MP's.

### Running a Regional GSF Conference

Each school is provided with the conference script and powerpoint, as well as a full video of the conference edited into sections, so you can then run your own Regional GSF Conference for schools in your area.



The UK Government plays a lead role in global efforts to defeat poverty. We are already the second largest donor country in the world, and every year our work helps to lift 3 million people out of poverty.

Across the world, people are tirelessly campaigning for a fair and just world, free from poverty. DFID sees the Global Student Forum as an invaluable way to give young people here in Britain an opportunity to learn more about global poverty issues, and to become champions for change themselves among their peers.

See [www.dfid.gov.uk](http://www.dfid.gov.uk) for more information.

### Become a GSF Partner School

Tickets for the Global Student Forum 2008 are ONLY available to GSF Partner Schools.

Each Partner School will be allocated ten student and two adult tickets.

Become a GSF Partner School now and you will receive...

- 10 student and 2 adult tickets to the Global Student Forum Conference in Westminster on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2008 (10am - 3:30pm)
- 12 Peer Educator Packs with integral DVDs and photocopyable resources, enabling your students to lead assemblies and lessons in your school and your local Primary Schools
- The conference script, ppt, videos etc., and the rights to use the GSF name/logo if you opt to run your own Regional GSF Conference for schools in your area
- GSF membership certificates for your students' portfolios
- A teacher's briefing pack giving resources and advance information, enabling the school to be prepared to make the most of the students' knowledge and enthusiasm when they return from the conference as peer educators
- A school GSF Press Kit enabling the school to make the most of local newspaper, radio and TV opportunities for coverage of your students' engagement with the issues
- Ongoing support in the form of resources and privileges throughout the year for students to maintain their interest and enthusiasm in the subject issues. This may include
  - Free resources and links to organisations relevant to the issues
  - Advance information on related opportunities
- MP co-ordination service – we will link together Partner Schools in a constituency to help you arrange to meet that MP immediately after the conference
- Travel co-ordination service – we will link together Partner Schools in an area, which will facilitate much cheaper travel, because a number of local schools will be able to share the cost of one coach

### Membership Fee

The Global Student Forum is part of The Damaris Trust – a registered charity (number 1082499). All proceeds from the membership fees are used to provide the best possible service for our GSF Partner Schools. The annual school membership runs from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, and the fee is £300 plus VAT (£352.50 in total).

### How to fund the fee

You might fund this fee from one or more of...

- The Gifted and Talented budget
- The Sixth Form Budget
- Sponsorship from local charities, churches or other faith groups
- A ticket charge for each student (our research shows that students are prepared to pay £10 to £15 to attend such a conference)

**Ben Okafor, a former child soldier in Africa, now successful singer/songwriter, will tell his story in words and music.**

