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## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**



#### LIVE BELOW THE LINE

There are currently 1.4 billion people globally living on less than £1 a day, This is classified by the World Bank as living below the poverty line, and the majority of these are young people. We want people in the UK to better understand the restrictions this causes. Live Below the Line is a national campaign that challenges the general public to live on £1 a day for food and drink for 5 days in May 2011.

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#### ICS LAUNCH

From March 2011 young people from across the UK and from all walks of life, will be given the chance to make a real difference in some of the poorest parts of the world – by volunteering overseas.

International Citizen Service (ICS) will enable 18-22 year olds to work as volunteers in developing countries...

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#### **ALUMNI NETWORK LAUNCH**

Through our 25 years of youth-led development we have engaged around 16,000 young people globally. Our alumni are former national and international volunteers, interns and staff, trustees and advocates who have been involved in our activities and share our youth-led values...

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# **CIVIC PARTICIPATION**



### WORKING WITH LOCAL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA

In South Africa, we recently received our first ever grant from the german Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) to implement a youth Advocacy Project. The project will work closely with two local municipalities to involve young people in their decisionmaking processes...

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### UK LORDS DEBATE YOUTH AND DEVELOPMENT

We've been pushing for a debate on youth and international development in the UK House of Lords for some time, and we were delighted that on 4th April it finally happened.

The debate on "what steps the government is taking to support young people in the challenges they face, especially in developing countries" was the first of its kind in the UK House of Lords.

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## LIVELIHOODS AND EMPLOYMENT



### YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS IN TANZANIA

In Tanzania, we are responding to demand from young people themselves for help setting up incomegenerating projects. We worked with a group of girls called Umojadada to form a tailoring group. We trained them in tailoring, batik-making and marketing. The money for the initial materials was invested by the girls themselves.

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### LIVELIHOOD SKILLS IN SOUTH ARFICA

In South Africa we operate youth Development Centres in Tsolo and Libode which run regular Career Information Days. Attended by up to 700 young people, these events focus on helping school leavers understand the options available to them after completing their education. In Libode over 150 high school graduates attended an information day on how to find employment; one of 1054 we have held across the country.

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