

Dursley-based World Jungle wins National Award, for promoting intercultural dialogue.

Locally based community organisation, World Jungle, found out last week that they have won an important national award for promoting intercultural dialogue.

The Institute of Community Cohesion (ICoCo) launched the 'Awards for Bridging Cultures', funded by the Baring Foundation. These special awards are designed to recognise and celebrate grassroots projects run by community and voluntary organisations that help to build bridges between communities and cultures.

World Jungle, whose projects work across the Bristol and Gloucestershire area, use creative practitioners, musicians and play workers from around the globe, including Ghana, Jamaica, Wales and Argentina. They aim to provide both children and adults with opportunities to explore their cultures through music, dance, arts and play.

Jane Manning and Ben Ward from World Jungle attended a Learning and Award Ceremony in London last Thursday at the Royal Society for the Arts where they spent the day meeting other projects from across the country and hearing from previous winners. World Jungle received a commendation for their work and was presented with an award and cheque for £5,000 by the Cabinet Minister Attorney General, Dominic Grieve.

World Jungle Jane Manning said:

"We are completely over the moon! It's great to be recognized in this way. It was also a brilliant opportunity to meet other groups doing similar work to us and we are really grateful for the cheque which will help us to keep doing the work we are doing."

For further information please visit www.bridgingcultures.org.uk or the World Jungle website www.worldjungle.org.uk

World Jungle is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to provide life changing opportunities to young people and individuals. Through the medium of dance, music and arts, we provide opportunities for people to learn about their own and others identities, diversity, and the social and environmental issues facing ours and other cultures. We hope that individuals involved in the project will gain a greater understanding of themselves, the wider world and the opportunities that exist for people from other cultures and backgrounds to work, play and live together.