

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.

Global Student Forum
www.globalstudentforum.org



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 RE, 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 (£360 in total) – please make out the order to Damaris Global Learning.
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 GSF2011.

I agree to co-operate with the process of evaluation of the impact of GSF in our school, which I understand will involve the completion, by the ten GSF students, of a pre- and post-conference questionnaire; plus the completion, by a teacher, of a questionnaire in December 2011. I enclose an official school order or a cheque for £360 (including VAT) for the membership fee for this period (please make out the order to Damaris Global Learning).

School Order No. _____

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

How did you hear about the Global Student Forum?

Please post this to:

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

Or fax it to:

023 8068 2779 (Damaris Global Learning). Please then call 023 8068 2750 to ensure it’s been received

N.B. Remember to include the official school order

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The Global Student Forum presents

GSF2011

The National Sixth Form Conference
Tuesday 28th June 2011, 10am-4pm Westminster, London

DYING FOR LIFE

99% of pregnancy related deaths occur in the developing world. Your sixth formers will be inspired and equipped with the knowledge and skills to educate their peers about the greatest health inequity in the world today.

Save the mothers
Save the world



Nearly every minute a woman dies of complications in pregnancy and childbirth – 99% of these deaths occur in the developing world. This government has pledged to put girls and women at the heart of development and to double the number of maternal, newborn and children’s lives saved by 2015. Over the next five years, UK taxpayers will save the lives of at least 50,000 women in pregnancy and childbirth, a quarter of a million newborn babies, and enable 10 million couples to access family planning. I am delighted that this year’s Global Student Forum national sixth form conference will inspire students in schools across the country to add their support to saving women’s lives in the world’s poorest countries.



International Development Minister, Andrew Mitchell



In partnership with



In Chad they have a saying: "To be in labour is to have one foot in the grave"

Every year two million children worldwide see their mother die of pregnancy related complications. This is the leading cause of death and disability for women in developing countries and is the greatest health inequity in the world today. Nearly every minute a woman dies of pregnancy related complications, and 99% of these are in the developing world. In Chad, the chances of dying in pregnancy or childbirth can be as high as 1 in 14; in Afghanistan it's 1 in 11; this compares with just 1 in 11,100 in Germany.

Despite progress in regions where maternal health has been prioritised, only 23 countries are on target to meet the fifth United Nations Millennium Development Goal (to reduce maternal mortality by 75% and to achieve universal access to reproductive health services by 2015). At the global level, maternal mortality has decreased by less than 1.5% annually since 1990 - far below the 5.5% annual improvement needed to reach the target.

The death of each mother has long-term implications for each family, community and country. Orphaned infants are more likely to die within two years. Enrolment in school for orphaned children is delayed and older children often leave school early to support their families. Children without a mother are less likely to be immunized and are more likely to suffer from malnutrition and stunted growth. The implications for girls tend to be even greater, leading to a continued cycle of poverty and poor health. And these maternal deaths also have an impact on whole countries as they seek to develop out of poverty. Each year an estimated £10 billion in potential productivity is lost when mothers and newborns die.

"We all have a voice and the least we can do is use it!"
(Hannah Kay, GSF2010 student from Bishop Luffa School)

Our learning objectives for the GSF2011 conference and Peer Educator DVD are:

- **Why does a mother die from pregnancy related complications nearly every minute?** GSF students will discover why 99% of maternal deaths occur in the developing world (with complications in pregnancy and childbirth being the leading cause of deaths for girls aged 15-19 in developing countries) and that this is the greatest health inequity in the world today.
- **Why is maternal health so important to families and communities?** GSF students will discover the psychological, social and economic impact on families, communities and countries when mothers die.
- **What are the barriers to achieving the fifth Millennium Development Goal (MDG5)?** GSF students will explore the social, cultural, economic and political barriers to reducing maternal mortality by 75% and achieving universal access to reproductive health.
- **How can we act globally and locally towards MDG5?** GSF students will be empowered to advance equality in maternal and reproductive health.

"This was definitely a life-changing day."
(Georgina Day, GSF2010 student from Bournemouth School for Girls)

www.globalstudentforum.org/challenge

"Across the world there are vast differences in the health and life chances of expectant mothers. The GSF 'Get Shorty' film challenge invites you to write a concept and storyboard for a short film about the importance of global equality for maternal and reproductive health. Someone will win, have their film made and see it make a difference to the lives of many people across the world. Why shouldn't that be you? It's time to get going with The GSF 'Get Shorty' film challenge."



Lord David Puttnam, Producer of Chariots of Fire, The Killing Fields and The Mission.



"The White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood is an international coalition of individuals and organisations formed to promote increased public awareness of the need to make pregnancy and childbirth safe for all women and newborns in developing, as well as developed, countries. We are excited about our partnership with the Global Student Forum this year and the opportunities it will provide for young people across the world to learn from each other and to work together to advance equality in maternal and reproductive health."



Brigid McConville, UK Director, The White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood

Conference Outcomes

Your sixth formers will:

- Be equipped to return to your school and local primaries as Peer Educators – using the GSF2011 Peer Educator DVD containing lessons, assemblies, workshops, games, pictures and video clips
- Speak to political leaders both at the conference and afterwards (many go straight to the Houses of Parliament at 5pm for meetings with their MPs)
- Be enabled to run a local GSF conference for your own school or cluster of schools using the conference materials
- Engage with the work of Christian Aid, the Department for International Development, Restless Development and the White Ribbon Alliance – and help to reduce maternal mortality throughout the world
- Respond positively and energetically (as students do each year) to these five GSF challenges:
 - Peer Educate 1,000 in your school and local primaries, using the resources we provide
 - Raise £10,000 and give it appropriately and effectively to a charity of your choice
 - Reach 20,000 in the wider community through appropriate media, supported by the GSF and DFID press offices
 - Take part in the "Get Shirty" T-shirt challenge and make the most of a photo-op for your local press
 - Enter the "Get Shirty" film challenge and your idea could be turned into a professionally produced short film which is shown around the world

"When empowered, young people can make a real difference."
(Paul Rebane, teacher at Radyr Comprehensive School)

Evaluation of past conferences has shown that 82% of students returned to school or college confident about engaging with the media to highlight global issues compared with only 28% beforehand

Become a GSF partner school

Tickets for GSF2011 are ONLY available to GSF Partner Schools (see registration form on the back page).

GSF Partner Schools receive:

- 10 student and 2 adult tickets to the GSF2011 National Sixth Form Conference in Westminster, London on Tuesday 28th June 2011 (10am-4pm)
- 12 Peer Educator DVDs full of videos and photocopyable lesson plans, worksheets etc
- The conference script, powerpoint, videos etc and the rights to run your own local GSF event
- GSF membership certificates for your students' portfolios
- A teachers' briefing pack with background information and resources, plus CPD support from the GSF National Co-ordinator
- A GSF Press Pack enabling the school to make the most of the local media opportunities, plus support from the GSF and DFID press officers
- Ongoing support for your GSF students in the form of resources and privileges throughout the year, plus the support of the GSF National Co-ordinator, and membership of the GSF Alumni
- Entry to the GSF "Get Shirty" film challenge
- A full independent evaluation service delivering a report of the outcomes of GSF2011

"It is outstanding to see such enthusiasm from our young people for issues that really matter."
(Matthew Streefe, teacher at Wadebridge School)

The school partnership fee for GSF2011 has once again been held down at £300 plus VAT (£360 in total). Most schools fund this cost from one or more of: the Sixth Form Budget; the Gifted and Talented Budget; sponsorship from local charities or faith groups; or a ticket charge for each student (research shows that students are prepared to pay £10 to £15 to attend such a conference). N.B. The Global Student Forum is part of Damaris Global Learning (a non-profit community interest company) and all proceeds from school partnership fees are used to provide the best possible service for GSF Partner Schools.



GSF2011 is part of the UN International Year of Youth

Evaluation of past conferences has shown that, at the end of the day, 85% of students attending could cite authoritative global development statistics compared with 22% beforehand