

World AIDS Day

As part of our key strategy to build a supporters association, Skillshare International organised activities to coincide with World AIDS Day in December 2002. During this period, staff and supporters were involved in several events in the week leading up to World AIDS Day. A talk was given on Skillshare International's work in HIV/AIDS at the University of Leicester and as a result students donated in excess of £500. In addition, at Rushey Mead, the pilot supporter school, a joint citizenship session on HIV/AIDS in the UK and in developing countries was delivered in conjunction with Leicester AIDS support services (LASS), a charity working with the affected and infected people in Leicestershire.

The week of activity culminated in a full day workshop run for and by supporters, which provided an excellent opportunity to share thoughts, ideas and experiences.

Jan Mayers, a health specialist who participated in the workshop explains:

"Being a supporter has given me a focus for my interest in international development by keeping me in touch with current development issues, and providing opportunities to interact with like-minded people and attend events to increase my understanding of world issues."



Supporters discussing issues surrounding stigma and discrimination.