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FOREWORD

By Professor Colin Power AM, Consortium Chair

It gives me real pleasure to introduce this report for 2011, a year which marked the completion of the Consortium's first decade of existence and activity since our initial launch in my home city of Brisbane in September 2001. A short retrospective account on our website provides a record of our work and achievement in these ten years, one of which we can feel proud.

For the Commonwealth as a whole, 2011 had advance billing as a 'watershed year'. Expectations were that the future of the association would be defined by Heads of Government at their October Meeting in Perth, Western Australia, responding to the report and recommendations of the Eminent Persons Group on the role and future of the Commonwealth. In the event things did not turn out quite like that, because the EPG's recommendations were numerous (106 of them) and Heads required more time than was available at CHOGM to digest the full implications, including the financial feasibility, of implementing all the proposals made. So 'the jury is still out' on whether the Report will indeed represent a turning point in the Commonwealth's fortunes and future direction.

The Consortium had submitted evidence to the EPG in 2010, and in June 2011 we sent a further memorandum commenting on the Group's preliminary findings. Their Report to Heads of Government, entitled *A Commonwealth of the People: Urgent Need for Reform*, had encouraging things to say about the role of civil society in the Commonwealth, but fell short of our hopes in the particular area of education. We were pleased by its enthusiasm for the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan and its recommendation that Conferences of Commonwealth Education Ministers should continue as self-standing events (rather than in the wings of other international conferences). But we were disappointed by its apparent ignorance of the important work of the Commonwealth of Learning and by the Report's failure to recognise in any overt way either the key contribution education makes both to societal development and to personal fulfilment for Commonwealth young people, or the salient role of educational links and exchanges in creating a sense of Commonwealth identity.

The Heads of Government Meeting was again complemented by the now-traditional Commonwealth Peoples Forum for civil society. As recorded in these pages we offered, as on previous occasions, to help organise and sponsor the working group in the CPF on education, innovation and technology, on this occasion in alliance with COL and other partners. We invested a considerable amount of time in developing an attractive programme and were most disappointed that the organisers preferred to adopt other arrangements. The Consortium was nevertheless pleased to play a positive role in the CPF through the presence of our Alternate Chair and several of our members, but was unable this time to ensure the same interactive character, quality of debate and constructive outcomes that had characterised the education events in previous CPFs. It is a matter of further regret that Commonwealth associations were unable to play an appropriately full part in the drafting and approval of the Statement sent to CHOGM in the name of civil society. Clearly 'urgent need for reform' applies as much to arrangements for civil society participation in Commonwealth affairs as to the conduct of the inter-governmental Commonwealth.

In addition to these several commitments in preparing for Perth, the Consortium had a busy year of activity as this report for the year describes. In co-operation with Link Community Development and the Royal Commonwealth Society we completed a Commonwealth Foundation-funded project on education about the Commonwealth and Commonwealth values. Planning started for a workshop in May this year under the title 'Achievable Education for All'. The Consortium participated actively in the Commonwealth Organisations Committee on Zimbabwe, the work of the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on the Commonwealth Teacher Recruitment Protocol and the biennial civil-society consultations with the Secretariat and Foundation. We accepted invitations to be represented on the Steering Group for the forthcoming Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers in Mauritius and on the Planning Committee for the Stakeholders Forum.

Difficulties in attracting funding have taken their toll on our Members. Sadly the League for Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers, an active member in our earliest years, closed down after more than a century of activity, while the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum and the Association of Commonwealth Studies are passing through a difficult phase when they find themselves obliged, temporarily at least, to suspend their Consortium membership. On the other hand we have been delighted to welcome BUILD (Building Understanding through International Links for Development) into membership.

I would like once again to express my thanks to my fellow officers - Mark Robinson, Stephen Blunden, Casmir Chanda, Peter Williams and John Wood - for their continuing service to the organisation. The London office of Link Community Development led by Alex Wright and Beth Kreling under the overall guidance of Stephen Blunden, has provided us with valuable administrative support: we are grateful to Stephen for his many years service as a Communications Secretary, a role he has now passed on to Beth. At ACU, Keith Stephenson has done a splendid job in keeping our finances in order, while Peter Williams continues to act not only as Secretary but the driving force behind the work of the Consortium. I also owe a particular debt to Mark Robinson who has so often and so ably represented me as Chair. CCfE is most grateful to them all.

The Consortium looks forward to 2012 with optimism. We foresee plentiful opportunities to move Commonwealth education agendas forward both at the 18th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers in Mauritius in August, and taking advantage of the impetus that the newly created Diamond Jubilee Trust promises to give to educational and cultural exchange in the Commonwealth. Two of our principal partner organisations, the Commonwealth Foundation and Commonwealth of Learning will be under new leadership as Vijay Krishnarayan takes over at the Foundation and Professor Asha Kanwar at COL. We congratulate these two friends and look forward to working with both; and we thank their respective predecessors, Mark Collins and Sir John Daniel, for their friendship and support.

The Consortium itself must also prepare to move forward to a new phase. To this end, a day last May was devoted to reviewing some of the options open to us in organisation, membership, modes of work and funding. I hope that our triennial General Meeting in Mauritius next August will be an occasion when decisions will be taken to review and improve our structures and organisation, and to identify a new generation of leaders to carry the organisation forward. It is important that each of our Members has the opportunity to provide leadership in charting the course for the future of CCfE, and to assume leadership roles as members of the Executive. With that in mind, this will probably be the last Annual Report that I will have the honour to present. In so doing, let me thank our Members, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Commonwealth Foundation and the Commonwealth of Learning for the enormous contribution they have made over the past decade in support of educators and policy makers throughout the Commonwealth, and remind our political leaders how vital it is that they draw on, and support, organisations like the CCfE and its Members if they are serious about Commonwealth values and co-operation.

A strong partnership between Commonwealth governments and the civil society is, in my view, the key to building a more peaceful, just and sustainable future across the Commonwealth. The CCfE and its Members are committed to working to strengthen that partnership. In closing, I wish the new Executive well, and assure it and the new Chair of my continuing support

Colin Power
March 2012

A. Programme in 2011

This was a busy year particularly the first half when the Consortium was preparing for CHOGM and the Commonwealth Peoples Forum, and making its inputs to the consultations by the Eminent Persons Group and preparation of the Civil Society Statement to CHOGM, as well as undertaking a project on education about the Commonwealth and its values. This report on the year's programme falls conveniently under three sections dealing first with activities relating to the high-level meetings in Perth, second with project delivery, and third with the Consortium's regular programme of services to members and the Commonwealth community more generally.

A1. Activities Relating to Commonwealth Gatherings in Perth October 2011 and 18CCEM

CHOGM Perth October 2011

Mark Robinson led the Consortium delegation at CHOGM, the other two members being Baroness Prashar of the RCS and Roderick Lakin from the Royal Overseas League. Non-accredited member organisations of CCfE were first given the opportunity to fill these two places. Several members of the Consortium were represented at CHOGM through their own delegations.

CCfE made a one-page submission to Heads of Government, whose 2011 CHOGM theme was *Building national resilience, building global resilience*. In response to that theme, the Consortium's submission was entitled "Education for resilience and the future of Commonwealth co-operation". It made the case that if societies were to respond effectively to unpredictable change, their peoples needed to be equipped through expanded education opportunity to develop their skills and versatility. At the same time education systems themselves needed to be resilient in face of change, and in particular to adapt to and embrace the rapidly evolving potential of new communications technologies. The paper also suggested that it would be timely for Governments to commission a high-level review of the many facets of Commonwealth co-operation in education and its future potential.

The Commonwealth Peoples Forum, Perth 2011.

The Consortium had hoped and expected to be a sponsor and organiser of the 'assembly' (later designated 'working group') on education, innovation and technology at CHOGM and made an early proposal to that effect. It acted as the catalyst for an offer of support from COL for the Assembly, which initially the Foundation enthusiastically welcomed. CCfE worked with COL and the UK Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in developing a proposal for an interactive and participatory event. A number of meetings were held, involving the Secretary and others in several weeks work preparing an outline programme.

Disappointingly it proved impossible to obtain from those responsible for organising the CPF timely information, decisions and authorisation necessary to bring these plans to fruition. After protracted uncertainties the Consortium's partners, and later CCfE itself, concluded they should withdraw from any organisational role, and confine their involvement to attendance and sympathetic response to any requests for help from the Foundation's Civil Society Advisory Committee which, with Australian counterparts, took sole responsibility for organising the programme for this workshop.

The Consortium convened a meeting at Marlborough House on September 21 when the CSAC organiser of the Education Assembly/Workshop, Dr Balasubramanyam Chandramohan, was invited to share proposals for the Workshop with Consortium members, who made comments and suggestions on his outline proposals.

Mark Robinson attended the CPF on behalf of the Consortium and chaired one of the Plenary sessions. He was able to make an intervention in civil society's encounter with Commonwealth Foreign Ministers.

Civil Society Statement to CHOGM

CCfE was represented at the consultation meeting of the 'Europe' civil society constituency which took place on May 12 in London and was organised by a Consortium member, the Council for Education in the Commonwealth, on behalf of the Foundation. Along with other

Commonwealth professional organisations it was given no opportunity to comment on the statement at the final draft stage. It had been claimed that the Statement would take account of representations from professional organisations including their submissions to CHOGM, but in the event there was scant reflection of the Consortium's submissions to CHOGM or the EPG in the Civil Society Statement.

Eminent Persons Group

In 2010 the Consortium had made a first submission to the Eminent Person's Group (EPG) reviewing the role and future of the Commonwealth. After the EPG had deliberated over several months and agreed the direction of its preliminary conclusions and likely recommendations, it launched a second round of consultations in the second quarter of 2011 and invited comments on its draft findings. The Consortium responded to the Group's invitation to comment on its preliminary findings with a short second submission in June.

The gist of CCfE's response was contained in the second paragraph of its two-page memorandum:

HM the Queen, as Head of the Commonwealth, observed in her Opening Address to the Malta CHOGM in 2005 that the Commonwealth's key characteristic is that "it is built on groups and associations, both formal and informal, between people". We trust the orientation of the EPG's final report will reflect that theme, focusing on Commonwealth peoples' wellbeing, on strengthening the bonds between them, and on nurturing the organisations and programmes through which they interact and co-operate. We suggest this could provide an inspiring unifying theme for the Group's final report.

The Memorandum argued that "the people perspective" was seriously underplayed in the preliminary findings which in addition to a more prominent role for education should pay particular attention to issues of migration, social cohesion and to the transforming potential effect on societies of the new information technologies.

The EPG report was eventually released at the CHOGM in Perth in October. Consortium members found that while there was much to welcome in the recommendations, especially – in education - the warm references to the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan there remained a very disappointing lack of fit between the Report's title *A Commonwealth of the People* and the content of its analysis and recommendations. These treat only briefly of human development issues and civil society engagement in Commonwealth affairs.

18th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers (18CCEM) Mauritius August 2012
The next triennial Conference of Education Ministers is to be hosted by Mauritius in the last week of August 2012. As at 17CCEM in Kuala Lumpur in 2009, in addition to the Ministers' Conference there will be four Parallel Forums for Post-Secondary Education, Stakeholders, Teachers, and Youth. The first and third of these will be organised by Consortium members, the Association of Commonwealth Universities and the Commonwealth Teachers Group respectively. Another Consortium member, Link Community Development has been contracted to organise the programme for the Stakeholder Forum.

Steering Group. The Commonwealth Secretariat and Government of Mauritius established a Steering Group for the Mauritius programme and invited two civil society representatives to join, neither of them directly representing the Consortium. When this matter was taken up in correspondence at the behest of the Executive Committee, the Director of the Social Transformation Programmes Division of the Secretariat indicated that failure to invite the Consortium to be represented had been an oversight and she agreed to the suggestion that one of the civil society representatives, Dr Rosemary Preston of the Council for Education in the Commonwealth, should also be regarded as representing Consortium interests.

Stakeholder Forum Planning Committee. In October CCfE was invited by the Foundation to join the Planning Committee for the Stakeholder Forum which caters for participation by professional and voluntary organisations in civil society, academia and the private sector. The Executive nominated the Secretary to represent it. He attended the November meeting.

A2. Project Work

This year the Consortium was not engaged in delivery of any project on the scale of the Zimbabwe programme in 2010. It completed one smaller project described below, and began planning for a project on Education for All due to be undertaken in the first half of 2012.

Project on 'Using Commonwealth School Partnerships to Promote Commonwealth Citizenship and Awareness'. The Commonwealth Foundation granted £,3500 towards the cost of this project in its 2010-2011 financial year. It had originally been intended to develop materials and activities round Commonwealth Day in 2011, but a number of hitches arose in the scheduling and it was agreed with the Foundation that a somewhat different activity should take place building on work that the Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS) had been undertaking with DFID funding. The Consortium's partners in this work were Link Community Development (LCD) and the RCS. RCS-originated materials were shared with teachers in linked schools in UK and Africa and their commentary on ways in which the materials could be used and might need modification were carefully recorded and presented in a report to RCS. The project was completed on schedule by the end of June 2011. Interested members should approach the Secretary for copies of the reports.

Project on Achievable Education for All. The Commonwealth Foundation made a grant of £7,000 towards this project for the year July 2011 – June 2012 which will involve a workshop in Kampala in May 2012. Initial planning was undertaken in 2011, with more detailed preparation due to follow in early 2012.

A3. Other Activities

Brainstorming on the Consortium's Future

A one-day brainstorming session to discuss future directions for the Consortium was held on May 23 which ACU kindly hosted in one of their Conference Rooms. Fourteen people from 10 different organisations attended. It is expected that these deliberations will provide the basis for a strategy to shape the future strategic directions of the Consortium's development, on which proposals will be submitted to the next Consortium General Meeting in Mauritius in August 2012.

Commonwealth Connects

The new Commonwealth web-based information portal *Commonwealth Connects* was launched at CHOGM and contains embryonic pages on education. At the meeting on September 21 to discuss the CPF, Richard Simpson the Secretariat consultant on *Commonwealth Connects* made a presentation on the resource. He later circulated some draft materials on the education content and received comments from some of those at the meeting.

Commonwealth Teacher Recruitment Protocol. Peter Williams continues to represent CCfE on the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on the CTRP, in whose original creation the Consortium had played a significant role. He attended the two-day Advisory Committee meeting in June at the NUT Conference Centre at Stoke Rochford in Lincolnshire, and participated actively in two follow-up working group meetings on data requirements.

Education Development in Zimbabwe. Following on from the Consortium's work on Zimbabwe in 2010, the Secretary participated in meetings in Stevenage on March 12 to discuss school linking with Zimbabwe, and the Britain-Zimbabwe Society's meeting on Education in Zimbabwe in Oxford in June. The Consortium also participated actively through the year in the work of the Commonwealth Organisations' Committee on Zimbabwe of which Mark Robinson, our Alternate Chair, was Vice-Chair and Peter Williams represented the Education Sector on the Executive Committee.

Proposal to resuscitate CAETA.

25 years ago a Commonwealth Association for Adult Education and Training was formed but after a fairly active existence for its first ten years it fell into abeyance. A Kenyan adult educator working in Hull has expressed interest in reviving the association and turned to

CCfE's Secretary for help. Peter Williams convened a meeting (hosted by the Foundation and Secretariat) on November 9 when those present, who included many who had been involved with CAETA in the past, were able to offer useful suggestions.

Commonwealth Education Calendar

The Commonwealth Education Calendar was again issued quarterly in January, May, July and October. The average issue gave advance notice of 80-100 forward events. The (electronic) circulation list has grown to almost 200 persons. The Calendar is also published on the Consortium's and some members' websites.

Publications and Website

Stocks of the Consortium's two 'flagship' publications "*Working together in education: a Commonwealth update*" and the *Commonwealth Education Directory 2009* became exhausted during the year. The Consortium applied for and received a grant enabling it to reprint the Directory, and work began on revision with the expectation that printing would be effected in mid 2012. At the end of 2010 funding had not yet been secured to enable the Consortium to embark on revision and reprinting of *Working together in education*.

The Consortium's publicity leaflet was updated and distributed at various meetings during the year, including the Commonwealth Peoples Forum in Perth.

Mr Chris Davidge has continued to maintain the website (www.commonwealtheducation.org), posting the Commonwealth Education Calendar and other new documents and reports as they become available.

B. Relations with other Commonwealth Bodies

The three principal inter-governmental Commonwealth bodies, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the Commonwealth Foundation and the Commonwealth of Learning, are in 'special membership' of the Consortium and are invited to participate in its programmes and meetings. In its frequent representations to national governments and other bodies, the Consortium seeks among other things to ensure that these Commonwealth IGOs receive funding commensurate with their responsibilities in the education sector.

Commonwealth Secretariat

A largely new team was in place in the Commonwealth Secretariat's Social Transformation Programmes Division, led by Dr Sylvia Anie, and its Education Section headed by Dr Pauline Greaves. The Consortium gave advice and assistance to the Education Section when they convened a session for education partners in the Spring to enable the different civil-society organisations working in education to become more familiar with each other's programmes and to learn about the Secretariat's own plans.

Commonwealth Foundation

The Consortium continued to work closely with the Commonwealth Foundation which was going through a period of transition in 2011. Following the resignation of Dr Mark Collins as Director in May, Dr Danny Srisankandarah took over temporarily as Interim Director for the rest of the year pending appointment of Dr Collins' successor. At the same time the Foundation undertook an internal restructuring exercise involving many staff changes and in preparation for any redefinition of its roles that Governments might decide as part of their review of the Commonwealth's functioning. Under the Director and Deputy Director (Vijay Krishnarayan) the Consortium's main point of contact was Rose Longhurst the Foundation's Grants Officer for Commonwealth Associations and Capacity Building. Ms Longhurst moved abroad in June, and under the new restructuring a post of Partnerships Manager was created with Ms Diana Atungire-Ocaya as the first incumbent. She became our main contact point on the programme side, while Ms Comfort Osilaja assumed responsibility for grants.

As reported in the section of this report on finance, the Foundation provided core support to the Consortium for its administrative costs and programme for activities for promoting Commonwealth values through school partnerships (2010-2011); and for a seminar on Education for All, and reprinting the Commonwealth Education Directory in 2011-2012.

Commonwealth of Learning

The Consortium was in close touch with the Commonwealth of Learning (COL) in the early months of 2011 about joint collaboration in facilitating the Education Assembly in the Perth Commonwealth People's Forum in October 2011. The two organisations worked together with others in the early months of 2011 to devise a programme for the Assembly and the Consortium acted as intermediary in securing an offer of significant support from COL to the CPF. In the event both parties, first COL and then the Consortium, concluded that in the absence of an encouraging response to their proposals, there was no option but to withdraw.

Commonwealth Civil Society Consultations

Consortium officers attended two consultation meetings with civil society called by the Commonwealth Secretariat and Commonwealth Foundation at Marlborough House on May 13 and December 13 2011.

C. Management and Support

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met twice in London, on May 9 and November 17, both times at Marlborough House. Alternate Chair Mark Robinson, standing in for Professor Colin Power, presided on each occasion.

Officers

The team of officers continued to be headed by the elected Chair, Professor Colin Power. The other officer posts were filled by nominees of the member organisations that agreed to perform the services needed: the London-based Alternate/UK Chair by the Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (Mark Robinson); the Secretary by the Council for Education in the Commonwealth (Peter Williams); the Treasurer by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (John Wood); Communications Secretary by Link Community Development (Stephen Blunden, and later Beth Kreling); and Assistant Secretary/officer without portfolio by the Commonwealth Countries' League Education Fund (Casmir Chanda). At ACU, day-to-day management of the Consortium's financial affairs and accounts remained in the capable hands of Keith Stephenson, the ACU's Director of Finance and Resources. Link Community Development advised the Consortium in November that it would continue to carry out the functions of Communications Secretary, but that Beth Kreling on its London staff would take over this responsibility from Stephen Blunden who had served since 2006.

In 2010-2011 and again in 2011-2012 the Consortium had the benefit of a core grant from the Commonwealth Foundation. This was mainly used to buy in administrative support from Link Community Development who provided substantial assistance with preparing grant applications, grant and project reporting, and project preparation work.

The Consortium's official mailing address continued to be Commonwealth House, 7 Lion Yard, Tremadoc Road, Clapham, London SW4 7NQ; but correspondents looking for speedy replies are encouraged to contact the Secretary direct at 6 Upper Rose Hill, Dorking, Surrey RH4 2EB. We are indebted to the Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council (a Consortium member), for helpfully forwarding the Consortium's incoming mail from Lion Yard where CYEC is based..

D. Membership

The Consortium started the year with 22 members of whom 17 were full members and five were Associate Members. Two of these, the Association for Commonwealth Studies and the British Empire and Commonwealth Museum, after falling into arrears on their subscriptions to CCfE as a result of lack of income flows, decided it was prudent to withdraw from membership at least temporarily. Another member, The League for Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers (LECT) which had amalgamated with CfBT (the Centre for British Teachers) some years previously, closed down in April. LECT had actively supported the Consortium particularly in its early years when performed the role of Treasurer to CCfE.

The Consortium was delighted to welcome into membership BUILD (Building Understanding through International Links for Development) on the basis that BUILD and CCfE would reciprocally exchange membership. This brought the number of members to 21 (including LECT) for the year.

The Institute of Commonwealth Studies of the University of London, which under the leadership of Prof Tim Shaw had for several years provided the Consortium's Alternate Chair, decided to give up membership from the end of 2011, and the Commonwealth Relations Trust (of the Nuffield Foundation), an Associate Member, also decided to withdraw.

From the close of 2011 therefore the Consortium's Membership would stand at 18, with fourteen full members and four Associate Members. Twelve of these have a base in the UK and six operate from other Commonwealth countries (Australia, Barbados, Canada, Jamaica, Kenya, South Africa). The three Commonwealth inter-governmental organisations – the Commonwealth Secretariat, Commonwealth Foundation and Commonwealth of Learning - are accorded Special Member status by the Consortium.

The Consortium is actively exploring the scope for attracting new members.

E. Finance

A financial statement covering 2011 and earlier years for comparison, is attached to this report at Annex 1. The modest surplus of £1156 in 2010 was followed by an apparently considerable surplus of £14,888 in 2011. Satisfactory as this outcome is, it must be pointed out that both the size of the 2011 surplus and the apparent contrast between 2010 and 2011 are misleading, for reasons explained below.

- Apart from subscription income, which kept up well, income in 2011 was drawn largely from Commonwealth Foundation grants to support the Consortium's core administrative and project activities.
- The Consortium's financial year is the Calendar Year from January 1 to December 31 whereas that of the Foundation is July 1 to June 30. The Foundation's core grant to the Consortium of £6,000 for the period July 1 2010 to June 30 2011 was paid in January 2011; and the whole of the core grant for the period July 1 2011 to July 2012 was also paid in 2011. As a result this 'core support' income of £12,000, although expected to cover a full two-year period was all paid in a single twelve month period (calendar Year 2011), so swelling CCfE's apparent surplus in 2011.
- On the project activity side the grant of £3,500 from the Foundation for 2010-2011 was all paid over and spent in 2011. Neither of the activity grants of £8,200 for 2011-2012 was ever expected to be used in 2012 – they will be spent in April-June 2012.
- The net result of these unusual patterns of income and expenditure flow is that the balance of £18,752 at December 31 includes both £8,200 earmarked for projects due for implementation before June 2012, and several thousand pounds for administrative expenditure in the six-month period up to the middle of 2012.

Subscription income of £1,100 from members was not too different from the level in the previous year (£1,298), representing a reasonably good record of collecting the subscriptions due. It was not possible to collect the 2011 subscription owed by the League for Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers which closed down in April.

As in previous years the Association of Commonwealth Universities has undertaken the Consortium's financial administration and CCfE is particularly indebted to Keith Stephenson, ACU's Director of Finance and Resources, for his help in this respect. The Consortium continues to receive good service from the Unity Trust Bank where it holds its account.

ANNEX 1

COMMONWEALTH CONSORTIUM FOR EDUCATION: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN 2011 AND EARLIER YEARS

	2011	2010	2009	2008
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions from members and associate members - current year	1,100.00	1,298.00	950.00	828.00
- earlier years			250.00	-
Commonwealth Foundation Grants	23,700.00	10,000.00	12,700.00	
Activities Grants	(11,700.00)	(10,000.00)	(11,500.00)	
Briefing Notes and Directory	1,200.00		6,000.00	
Conference on education for social cohesion, Bangi Malaysia			3,400.00	
Workshop in Port of Spain CPF			2,100.00	
Zimbabwe Conference		10,000.00		
School partnerships to Promote C'wealth Citizenship Awareness	3,500.00			
Achievable Education for All	7,000.00			
Association annual grant (two years received in FY2011 @ £6,000 p.a.)	12,000.00		1,200.00	
Fees received for Malaysian Conference			1,085.00	
Contributions to 17CCEM Exhibition Stand			725.00	
Publications sales			405.00	
TOTAL INCOME IN THE YEAR	24,800.00	11,298.00	16,115.00	828.00
EXPENDITURE				
Subscription written off	75.00			
<i>Administrative Costs</i>	5,976.82	141.70	236.99	59.18
Honorary Secretary's expenses	559.02	85.45*	151.74	59.18
Other Officers' expenses & Cost of Meetings	306.80		-	-
Link Community Development Administration Support	5,000.00			
Webmaster's charges	111.00	56.25	85.25	-
Exhibition Stand at 17CCEM			700.00	
<i>Support for Representation at Commonwealth Conferences</i>	360.00		2,900.00	
17 CCEM in Malaysia June 2009			1,400.00	
CHOGM CPF in Trinidad November 2009			1,500.00	
CPF Perth October 2011	360.00			
<i>Project activities</i>	3,500.00	10,000.00	13,759.89	546.79
Workshop: Pan Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning, PCF5 2008				546.79
Briefing Notes and Directory			5,091.39	
Conference at Bangi Malaysia June 2009			5,651.12	
Workshop at CPF 2009 – Trinidad			3,017.38	
Zimbabwe Conference – Link Community Development June-July 2010		10,000.00		
Project on Commonwealth School Partnerships to Promote Commonwealth Citizenship Awareness	3,500.00			
TOTAL EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR	9,911.82	10,141.70	17,596.88	605.97
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	14,888.18+	1,156.30	(1,481.88)	222.03
Balance brought forward at 1 January	3,864.45	2,708.15	4,190.03	3,968.00
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD at 31 December	18,752.63+	3,864.45	2,708.15	4,190.03
Represented by:				
Cash at bank – Unity Bank	18,879.43	4,048.53	2,141.69	4,190.03
Debtors: Subscriptions		150.00	200.00	
Debtors: Fees / Contributions for Malaysian Events		-	280.00	
Debtors: Commonwealth Foundation Grant		-	3,300.00	
Creditors: unrepresented cheque	(51.80)			
Creditors: owed for website		(56.25)		
Creditors: owed to Secretary		(277.83)	(3,213.54)	
Creditors: Subscription in advance	(75.00)			
	18,752.63	3,864.45	2,708.15	4,190.03

Notes:

* The Hon Secretary's expenses for 2010 actually amounted to £461.61. Because of an overstatement in the amount shown as being owed to the Hon Secretary at the end of 2009 by £376.16 this amount has been deducted in 2010 leaving net expenditure of £85.45.

+ The size of the apparent surplus and balance shown in the table include sums of £8,200 earmarked for expenditure on activities, and approximately £5,000 for administrative outlays due to be paid out in the first half of 2012 (second half of the Commonwealth Foundation's 2011-2012 Financial Year). The Consortium was thus holding approximately £5,500 of uncommitted funds at 31 December 2011.

Consortium Membership and Officers in 2011

Members

(16 Members and five Associate Members = 21)

ACEAB	- Association of Commonwealth Examination and Accreditation Bodies	www.aceab.org
ACLALS	- Association of Commonwealth Literature & Language Studies	www.aclals.org
ACU	- Association of Commonwealth Universities	www.acu.ac.uk
BUILD	- Building Understanding through International Links for Development	www.build.org
CAM	- Commonwealth Association of Museums	www.maltwood.uvic.ca/cam/
CAPA	- Commonwealth Association of Polytechnics in Africa	capa@kenpoly.ac.ke
CASTME	- Commonwealth Association of Science, Mathematics & Technology Teachers	www.castme.org
CBC+	- Commonwealth Business Council	www.cbcbelink.org
CCEAM	- Commonwealth Council for Educational Administration and Management	www.cceam.org
CCLEF	- Commonwealth Countries' League Education Fund	www.ccl-int.org.uk
CEC	- Council for Education in the Commonwealth	www.cecomm.org.uk
CHEC	- Commonwealth Human Ecology Council	www.chec-hq.org
CRT+	- Commonwealth Relations Trust (of the Nuffield Foundation)	www.nuffieldfoundation.org
CTG	- Commonwealth Teachers Group	email: s.garg@nut.org.uk
CYEC+	- Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council	www.cyec.org.uk
ESU	- The English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth	www.esu.org
ICS	- Institute of Commonwealth Studies	www.commonwealth.sas.ac.uk
LCD	- Link Community Development	www.lcd.org.uk
LECT*	- League for the Exchange of Commonwealth Teachers	www.lect.org.uk
RCS+	- Royal Commonwealth Society	www.rcsint.org
ROSL+	- Royal Over-Seas League	www.rosl.org.uk

Special Members (3)

CF	- Commonwealth Foundation
COL	- Commonwealth of Learning
COMSEC	- Commonwealth Secretariat

+ Denotes Associate Member of the Consortium

* LECT was in membership until it closed at the end of April 2011.

Officers

Chairperson:	Professor Colin Power AM
Alternate Chair:	Commonwealth Human Ecology Council (Mark Robinson)
Treasurer:	Association of Commonwealth Universities (Prof John Wood)
Hon Secretary:	Council for Education in the Commonwealth (Peter Williams)
Assistant Secretary:	Commonwealth Countries League Education Fund (Casmir Chanda)
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