



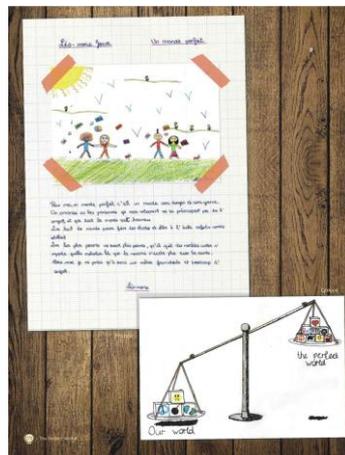
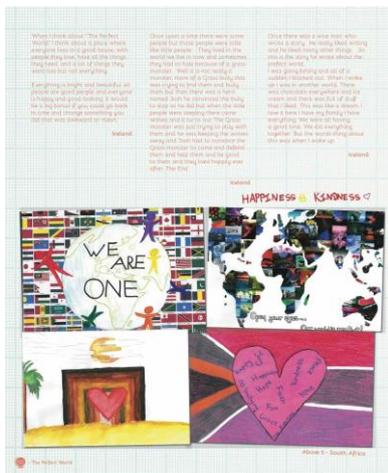
'The Perfect World'

A book by children from around the globe

December 2013. 'The Perfect World' is the first book to be produced by the charity WriteUnite, which was set up entirely by the inspirational 17-year old British student, Omara Elling-Hwang exactly one year ago.

The Perfect World (£19.99) is an enchanting book which features 700 submissions from school children from every single continent, who were invited to send in their written or visual interpretation of 'The Perfect World' to Omara for inclusion in the book. The result is an honest, optimistic, thought-provoking and global collaboration by students from 4 to 18 years. Omara's idea was that we write to share our ideas with people from all walks of life and all different backgrounds.

"I have always loved reading and books have played a very important part of my life. I was shocked to learn that 1 in 3 children in the UK do not own a book, that 42% of children in the USA do not have a book at home and that almost 1 billion people entered the 21st century unable to read a book," explains Omara. *"This provided me with the inspiration and motivation to set up WriteUnite, in order to give young people everywhere a voice to express how they feel about global issues that truly matter. The book has demonstrated that whilst we may live in different places and under different circumstances, we all share the same hopes and dreams. I want to unite the voices of the future generation through books written by children from all over the world."*



WriteUnite is working with the Tegla Loroupe Peace Foundation in Kenya and in the New Year, the charity will be donating 500 school kits to schools in Kenya. Each kit contains a rucksack, writing books, pencil case, pencils, pen, rubber, ruler, pencil sharpener, non-battery operated torch and watch and will be a precious resource for students in poorer regions of the world. In fact, Omara and her mother will be making the journey to Kenya themselves to hand out the school supplies to the students in person. In addition to the school kits, every child who submitted to *The Perfect World* will be receiving their very own copy of the book, as thanks for their support and commitment to reading.

Proceeds from the sales of *The Perfect World* will be reinvested back into WriteUnite and submissions are now being accepted for the second book, entitled '*I Believe I Can*' which will be published in September 2014.

The Perfect World can be purchased online on the WriteUnite website for £19.99: www.writeunite.org

Omara's Journey & WriteUnite:

Omara is not your typical 17 year old and has achieved what very few adults can ever hope to achieve. WriteUnite is entirely her brainchild and she has a clear vision of what she wants the charity to be.

In 2014, Omara will be approaching schools to ask that they donate one lesson a year to WriteUnite. The lesson will be dedicated to the theme of the second book, *I Believe I Can*. The more schools that participate, the more submissions the book will receive and ultimately, WriteUnite's hope for reaching out to a larger group of students from around the world can be realised. *"I believe this is a great creative opportunity for teachers and students to explore the dreams and possibilities for life,"* comments Omara.

As Omara is a full-time student, she has dedicated all her spare time during the week ends and holidays to WriteUnite. Whilst most other students were relaxing during the Summer holidays, Omara was busy personally scanning the 700+ submissions she received for *The Perfect World*, learning how to get an ISBN code for the book, negotiating printing deals, persuading a law firm to give her legal advice free of charge, negotiating with printing companies from around the world to get the best possible price for the book and staying up into the early hours to teach herself the ins and outs of copyright and privacy laws. It has been an emotional journey for Omara and there were times when she wondered whether it would be possible for her dream to become a reality – but she has clearly demonstrated her unshakable spirit throughout.

For more information about WriteUnite please visit: www.writeunite.org

For more information or to request an interview with Omara, please contact hello@writeunite.org



An example of the WriteUnite School Kit



Omara's dream is realised as she flicks through the pages of 'The Perfect World'.