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## Conference encourages the passion to change the world

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SIXTH FORMERS from Wadebridge School hosted an international conference to raise awareness surrounding issues facing people in some of the world's poorest countries.

The focus of the Global Student Conference was the differences in the health and life chances of expectant mothers.



Wadebridge School Global Student Conference: The sixth form students from Wadebridge School who made keynote speeches. Pictured here with guest speakers, centre, Dramane Ouedraogo from Burkina Faso and Gideon Mubiru from Uganda, and community midwife Ros Haynes, far right. Accompanied by Wadebridge teachers Karen Roft and Sarah Fisher, far left.

The school invited guest speakers from Uganda and Burkina Faso to speak about HIV/Aids and education.

Gideon Mubiru from the Anti-Aids Trust in Uganda and Dramane Ouedraogo, a head teacher from Burkina Faso, were joined by speakers from Fleet and the National Health Service.

"The day proved informative and engaging and students left believing they could make a difference," said teacher Karen Roft.

The conference was organised by Year 13 students. The hosts for the day were Louie Hawkey and Aimee Whitfield.

"The sixth form team displayed a confidence and sure-footedness that reflected a mature understanding of the issues and the material being presented," said Ms Roft.

"Gideon was especially adept at engaging the conference in music-making, while the song written, played and sung by one of the team, Tom Howard, was especially lovely," she added.

Alan Penny from The Department for International Development had high praise for the event.

"Young people do not always receive good press but I truly believe that these events provide an opportunity for learning and the development of transferable skills; awareness of local community needs; the need for teamwork; how to work with other people among many others," he said.