



RESOURCES ON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS



Global School Partnerships are an exciting and effective way of providing learners with an understanding and knowledge of the world. Joint curricular work between partner schools and exchange visits widen perspectives and change attitudes and values amongst school staff and students alike. Head teachers say they enjoy visits from colleagues from overseas, the exchange of ideas and building mutual respect. School linking increases motivation levels among students and stimulates the interest of parents and governors.

“Pupils now see development issues as personal rather than theoretical as a result of meeting our Malawian colleagues and are now more enthused and willing to become more involved”

School teacher, UK

Teesside One World Centre is able to provide support and resources for schools interested in developing a partnership with a school in South America, Africa or Asia. We are also able to provide training for staff and students who are developing a partnership or who are planning exchange visits. Please contact Naomi Priestley for more information.

Here are some examples of the resources available:



Just Linking—A Guide to Linking Schools

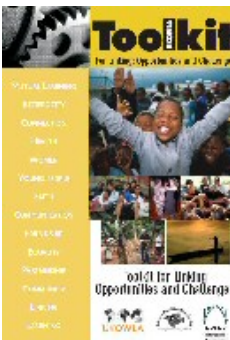
This Handbook and DVD provide an essential guide for any school wanting to explore global issues through a UK link. It outlines how to prepare your school for a link, the potential pitfalls and how to avoid them as well as using the link to build cross-cultural awareness. There are classroom activities included and advice on how to teach on global themes such as fair trade.

Suitable for key stage 1 & 2.

A Good Practice Guide to Whole School Linking

A Guide which uses real linking projects to give comprehensive and practical information for teachers and students. This handbook outlines key considerations when planning a link and includes an extensive section about planning for reciprocal visits, both for teachers and pupils. It is an excellent resource for any teacher starting or developing a school link.

Suitable for all ages.



A Toolkit for Linking produced by the UK One World Linking Association.

This is a comprehensive guide to North-South Community linking. The kit includes guidance about the pros and cons of linking, how to make a partnership equitable and how to resource a link. Each section includes ideas, quotes, and case studies along with practical advice. The kit is also available to download for free at www.ukowla.org.uk/main/toolkit.asp.

**All these resources, and lots more, are available for loan or purchase from Teesside One World Centre, Southlands Centre, Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough, TS3 0HB. Telephone 01642 322216
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Gardens for Life

A CD based on a project exploring school gardening as a means of experiential teaching and learning, linking with the local and international community and building global citizenship. Activities cover major issues concerning food, climate change and water, indigenous knowledge, cooking, medicine, global citizenship and participation. Included are lesson plans, discussion points and activities available from the Centre or free from <http://edenproject.com/education>. Suitable for key stage 2 & 3.



Partners in Learning

A handbook addressing the big questions and practical issues of global school linking. It asks the questions schools should be asking of themselves and of their partner school before and during the linking process. The file includes issues of diversity and equality and how the global dimension work links to each area of the curriculum in England. This resource is a comprehensive guide and includes examples of school links as well as a final section on where to find further support. Suitable for all ages.



A Letter for Me

A free storybook developed from a Save the Children school linking project between schools in the UK, Italy, Brazil, India, Senegal and Uganda. This colourfully illustrated booklet tells the story of different letters sent across the world between the children. The text introduces a variety of cultures and customs such as different foods and school systems. The book is suitable for key stage 2 and is available through Teesside One World Centre or from www.savethechildren.org.uk

Websites:

www.slide.lgec.org.uk

This website features several successful linking projects at Lancashire schools. It aims to share learning from these links and encourage more teachers to use school linking as a way to teach about diversity and community cohesion.

www.globalgateway.org

This is an international website providing a one-stop shop to help in developing the global and international dimensions in schools. It features a school partner finding facility plus guidance, information and links to other relevant websites.

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