



Bridges Schools E-Bulletin – Autumn 2011

Supporting Schools Making Global Connections

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1. Opportunities

CPD Opportunities

1. Global Teachers Award



Bridges is delighted to be able to offer training to KS1 – 4 teachers in order to qualify for the new, nationally recognised Global Teachers Award.

Along with other development education centres around the country, we are supporting teachers to obtain Level 1 of this award, which we believe will help empower teachers to inspire their pupils to become active global citizens in a meaningful way.

The course is full of practical ideas for approaching global issues and supports teachers to develop a permanent global dimension in their school and in their curriculum.

A full day course 9.15 – 16.00, Thursday 3rd November 2011 at Staffordshire University, Stafford.

Cost per person £125.00 inc. lunch

To book contact admin@bridgesglobal.org.uk or ring 01952 255526. For more information on the award, visit <http://www.globalclassrooms.co.uk/globalteachersaward.htm>

2. CPD Global Learning through the Olympics

A lively interactive session designed to enable you to make the most of the global learning opportunities presented by the Olympics. We will look at bringing Olympic and Paralympics values into your school and explore ways of celebrating both Olympic and every day heroes and heroines. Attendees will receive a free hard copy of the Heroes and Heroines resource pack.

Tuesday 8th November 2011, 4.00 – 6.00 pm at William Brookes School in Much Wenlock, birth place of the modern Olympics

Only £25 per person or £40 for 2 members of staff from one school

To book a place on this course or to enquire about inset training in your school please contact admin@bridgesglobal.org.uk or speak to Alison Thomas on 01952 255526

Bridges offers a range of good value, high quality globally focussed CPD sessions, suitable for PD days and twilight staff meetings. We know that schools appreciate these and find them stimulating and useful. For more information on what we could do for you go to www.globalbridges.org.uk and look at our latest schools brochure.

3. Global Schools Partnership Programme

a) Global Education in Partnership - Wednesday 28th September 9.30am – 3.30pm Bishop's Wood Centre – Worcestershire

This one day workshop explores the meaning of global education and considers the opportunities that arise within a school partnership to take this forward. The workshop is for staff who wish to develop a global dimension through joint curricular work with colleagues in partner schools.

For more information or to book a place on this course email louise.greer@britishcouncil.org

DFID Global Schools Partnership CPD in partnership with Bridges

b) Building Effective Partnerships – Thursday 24th November 9.30am – 3.30pm TIDE Centre, Millennium Point, Birmingham

This one day workshop encourages participants to examine the quality of their school partnership relationship and consider how this can be consolidated and developed further.

For more information or to book a place on this course email louise.greer@britishcouncil.org

DFID Global Schools Partnership CPD – In partnership with TIDE and Bridges

c) Thinking of linking? Free in-school training for schools as part of the DFID Global Schools Partnership Programme

Free in-school training is available for schools who are interested in setting up a learning focused global schools partnership with a school in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean or Latin America.

Applying is easy – just follow the link and complete a short form. You will hear back within 7 days. Grants may be available only for a short period so please make use of this opportunity to explore with staff if linking is right for your school.

A full programme of Bridges School Services is available from our website. Here is a selection of what's on offer...

Preparing for Harvest? How about a workshop to help pupils think about farmers overseas?

KS1 People who help us – A half day workshop on Zambia to help children empathise with people lives in other parts of the world, including farmers'.

KS2 Fair Food – Through lively simulation games, pupils empathise with banana, orange or cocoa producers to understand the challenges faced by poor producers.

Preparing for a Focus Day?

Bridges offers sessions for Focus Days on topics such as Fairtrade and Fashion, equality HIV/AIDS, Sustainability.

Workshops cost £95 per half day, £170 per whole day plus travel.

2. Get Involved Next Term - events with a global connection and resources to help mark them

October 2011 Black History Month www.black-history-month.co.uk/

15th October Global Hand washing Day www.worldhandwashing.org

16th October World Food Day www.fao.org/getinvolved/worldfoodday/en/

17th -24th October One World Week www.oneworldweek.org

19th November World Toilet Day www.wateraid.org/WorldToiletDay

1st December 2011 World Aids Day www.worldaidsday.org

3. Resources - a selection of new or topical resources for teachers

Speak Out for a Fairer World – A short film to inspire pupils

Watch pupils in action and hear what pupils gain from listening to others. See how pupil led activities on important issues can boost pupils' confidence to speak up in front of others.

Follow the link to view the film

<http://www.nickfoggdirector.co.uk/commissions/bridges-speak-out/>

Coming soon....

Heroes and Heroines – Holding the Torch for a Fairer World.

Two Olympic resource packs, one for KS2 and one for KS3 pupils.

The resource packs are full of activities focussing on true stories of heroes and heroines from everyday life, as well as Olympic heroes and heroines, all

demonstrating Olympian and paralympian values e.g. courage, respect and equality.

Each pack has a section to help pupils decide on the action they would like to take to become 'heroes and heroines' for a fairer world. The KS2 pack supports work on PSHE/ Citizenship/ Literacy.

The KS3 pack supports PSHE/ Citizenship e.g. focus days, with 5 sessions approx. 60-70 minutes long.

These packs will be available to download free from the Bridges' website by 30th September 2011

Both of these resources are part of the MDG Countdown Project funded by the Department for International Development.

The Honey Resource Pack

A new primary school resource from Traidcraft with photos, poster, CD Rom with 11 lesson plans and producer stories, recipes etc. £12.99. To order visit

www.traidcraftschools.co.uk/news_and_events/Back_to_school.htm

Discussing civil unrest, riots and looting

The British Red Cross has three activities looking at different aspects of the disturbances in English cities during August.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Teaching-resources/Lesson-plans/UK-unrest>

4. Events with a global theme in the local area

Film: The Green Wave



Friday 30th September 7:30pm - The Memorial Hall, Smithfield Street, Oswestry

The Green Wave is an incredible portrait of a modern day rebellion and feels more urgent than ever in these ever-changing times. - The Film Stage.

Green is the colour of hope. Green is the colour of Islam. And green was the symbol of recognition among the supporters of presidential candidate Mir-Hossein Mousavi, who became the symbolic figure of the Green Revolution in Iran in 2009.

Iranian born film maker Ali Samadi Ahadi's new documentary The Green Wave is based on first-person accounts collected from tweets, Facebook entries and blogs. Combining animated sequences with footage of protests and public gatherings shot on cell phones. The film creates a stunning and powerful visual collage of the events as they unfolded.

Tickets cost £5.00 and can be booked by calling **the Kinokulture box office**: 0845 2500517

5. Schools' Activities last term – a short update on some of Bridges' activities with schools

Global Rethink (Skills for Change) This Bridges project creates the opportunity to talk to young people about sustainability, to introduce the idea that we need to rethink the way we live and to enable young people to take action in their lives by giving them new skills and confidence. The long term aim is to foster lifelong active stewardship of our world.

Each group has responded to the sessions in a different way. A Guide group decided to hold a Ready Steady Cook event – with the added sustainability challenge of producing a pancake using fewest food miles. Young people at a local church made a Saving Energy Pledge board for their church and asking the rest of the congregation to follow their example and pledge individual actions.

The Global Rethink sessions are an ideal way to build a whole year's action for an eco – club. Alternatively, the Global Rethink sessions could be delivered as an ASDAN course – Bridges is a qualified ASDAN centre. The course also supports Geography and active global citizenship. If you are looking to build a strong ethos of sustainability in your school and in the wider school community – then a tailor-made Global Rethink whole school CPD may be the option for you.

If you would like to know more about **Bridges Global Rethink (Skills 4 change)** or if you would like Bridges to run sessions in your school, please contact: Alison on (01952) 255526 or email alison@bridgesglobal.org.uk

Latest Bridges' Conferences on reducing poverty

In July we held our 3rd and 4th MDG Countdown conferences at The Marches School, Oswestry and Ercall Wood School, Wellington. At the Marches School 105 pupils from Year 7 and 3 feeder primary schools took part in a day of pupil led talks and workshops on maternal health, Fairtrade and deforestation. At Ercall Wood staff and pupils led a fantastic morning of workshops on the Millennium Development Goals for 80 Year 5 pupils from Meadows and Lawley Primary School. The conferences marked the end of the second year of the MDG Countdown Project, which continues this year, with even more schools involved.

For more information contact sylvia@bridgesglobal.org.uk

6. About the eBulletin

Bridges works with schools and communities across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin to raise awareness of global issues. The e-news is to keep schools in the locality of Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin informed of global issues, campaigns and action.

Contribute to the e-Bulletin

If you'd like to tell us what your school is doing on the Global Dimension, we would love to hear from you. Just email a link or a short article, with any permitted photos you'd also like to share, and we will add this to our next e-bulletin as appropriate.

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Bridges promotes knowledge and learning in Shropshire for a fairer world.

Our vision is a fairer world where all people are respected, learn together and are able to take action.

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