



Bridges – making global connections



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Supporting Shropshire and T & W Schools Making Global Connections

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Welcome to Bridges Schools E-bulletin. If you would like a copy of a calendar of global events happening this term please follow the link below www.globaldimension.org.uk/calendar/ or follow the links from this page to order a printed calendar.

All those who fill in an e-bulletin feedback form at www.surveymonkey.com/s/93HMWS5 can hire any one of our artefact boxes for free. [Click here](#) to view our artefact boxes.

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1. Opportunities

A full programme of Bridges' Schools Services is attached

CPD Opportunities

Book now! Global Solutions for a Sustainable World - KS2 Primary CPD day.

Want to get your pupils connecting with the global issues about sustainable living? We've organised a new all day CPD session to help primary school teachers do this. Learn more about issues for the responsible global citizen around the use of resources, waste and Fairtrade and come away with ideas for planning cross curricular projects and action to engage pupils on sustainability topics. Supports the Sustainable Schools framework and Eco-schools.

There are just a few places left on **Wednesday 29th September 9.30 – 3.30 at Meeting Point House, Telford**. Also available on **Wednesday**

26th January 2011. Cost £60 per delegate. To book a place please email childrensworkforce.team@telford.gov.uk or ring Sylvia on 01952 255526 for more details.

Diversity CPD session. PLUS New extra baselining service to help schools measure outcomes for work on diversity

'A tremendously valuable session which really stimulated my personal thinking about how we can move forward with our work on community cohesion' Headteacher, Much Wenlock Primary School

If your school wants to encourage an appreciation of diversity, you may be interested in our twilight session for staff from £140. We also now offer **a baselining service**, with Bridges taking pupils through a variety of exercises before the CPD session to help identify current attitudes to diversity. This will then inform staff planning on diversity work and help you measure the outcomes of your work better.

Introduction to Global School Partnerships

Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury

November 9th 2010, 9:45am-3:30pm

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

Is your school interested in developing a global dimension learning partnership with a school in Africa, Asia, Latin America or the Caribbean?

This is an introductory workshop exploring the principles, educational benefits, practicalities and viability of global school partnerships. A local school with an established global school partnership will also tell you about their experience.

The workshop is for school staff who are interested in establishing, or who have just initiated, a global school partnership. The workshop explores:

- motives for partnerships
- partners' perceptions of each other and how this affects learning
- global dimensions in the curriculum
- partner-finding
- preparation for partnership.

You will have the opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of global school partnerships and network with colleagues.

Places are free and lunch is included.

To book a place please email david.innes@britishcouncil.org

Working Together, Achieving More – Community Cohesion Conference for Shropshire Schools

26th November 2010 – 9.15am – 4pm

Shirehall, Shrewsbury

Shropshire Council, in association with Bridges

The aim of the event is to enable Shropshire schools to put into practice community cohesion guidance by:

- showcasing good practice from around the county
- introducing schools to partner organisations in the field.

Places are free, with one place available per school in Shropshire LA.

For more information visit www.shropshirelg.net . To book a place email cpd@shropshire.gov.uk or telephone 01743 254522.

Workshops

'The workshop was fantastic, thoroughly enjoyed by myself and the children' KS2 teacher, Hodnet Primary School, after session on Village Life in Africa

We offer a variety of workshops on global issues for primary and secondary schools. We know they offer good value for money and can really enhance work your pupils are doing. For example, if you are an eco-school you might want a half day workshop to give the global perspective on recycling. Secondary schools build Bridges into their focus days on Citizenship and PSHE to cover subjects such as Refugees, Aids, Fairtrade and Diversity. A whole day of workshops for KS1 - 4 pupils still costs only £170 plus travel.

NEW SERVICE! We now offer a **30-40 minute consultation** after our workshops to help schools make the most of what we have done. For just £20 you can discuss with our facilitators how you can increase the impact of the workshop and pick up lots of ideas for follow up through resources and links.

'Brilliant, really got the children thinking about fair/ unfairness of the world.'
Brown Clee School

Host a Roadshow or Exhibition

Millennium Development Goal Roadshows

Look out for our Stand Up Take Action Roadshow at Bishop's Castle's Michaelmas Fair on **18th – 19th September**. Are you running an event at school involving parents and the local community, such as an autumn fair? We'd love to come along with an interactive stand and raise awareness about the big issues facing our world in an engaging way.

If you are interested in hosting a roadshow, please contact us.

Views from Shropshire Exhibition

Why not hire this exhibition to help celebrate Black History Month in October? Views from Shropshire is a fantastic exhibition celebrating and sharing the stories of people who have moved to Shropshire from other countries. The exhibition is available to hire for display in local schools, community venues and at events. [Click here](#) to view the exhibition. Please get in touch with us to hire it.

Attention grabbing environmental message boards

A set of vibrant graffiti boards, done by pupils from Sutherland School with the help of an urban artist. They convey a powerful message about our role in looking after our world. Would you like the exhibition to come to your school event this autumn? Email alison@shropshirebridges.org.uk

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

Stand Up and Take Action for the MDGs! 17th – 19th September

It's early in the term, but could your pupils make a noise to help keep up awareness of the Millennium Development Goals to reduce poverty? This weekend people all around the world will be making a variety of loud noises to symbolise their continued support for these important goals to be reached by 2015. Could you hold a special assembly, invite parents and community members to come along and join in the noise? Go to www.standagainstopoverty.org to find out more about the campaign and see the Stand Up video.

10:10:10 A Global Day of Doing Sunday 10th October

Has your school cut down its carbon emissions this year? 10:10:10 is an international day for people to do something to help cut their carbon emissions by 10% in 2010. Schools could build up to the day the week before with a swapshop event, a low electricity day or a 'no waste plastic' lunch. See the website www.1010global.org for ideas and inspiration.

1st December World Aids Day

A day to help raise awareness and funds to combat HIV/AIDS. See www.avert.org/world-aids-day for information, World Aids Day video, quizzes etc.

3. Events with a global theme in the local area

Tackling Global Poverty Together- Oxfam Active Global Citizenship Conference 2010

Friday 22 October, Birmingham University, Birmingham,

Oxfam is hosting a schools conference in Birmingham for secondary school students and sixth formers to help them engage in issues relating to global poverty and climate change and inspire them to take action.

Attendance is **free of charge**, but places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Through fun workshops, passionate debates and first-hand stories from Oxfam staff, young people will learn how to articulate their thoughts on complex global issues, and develop skills in campaigning.

For more details visit the website:

www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/regional_conferences/

Oswestry Charity Market, Friday 17th September 11am – 3pm
Bishop's Castle Michaelmas Fair, 18th and 19th September

Bridges will be at both these events with a stall encouraging people to stand up and take action for the Millennium Development Goals.

Knowing Me, Knowing You, Saturday 25th October at Woodside School, Oswestry

A day to celebrate Diversity with music, dancing, food and activities from different cultures represented locally.
Contact Nina at Bridges for more details of this day.

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

MDG Countdown Project conferences

"How amazing children are, so aware and empowered about global issues." Conference guest

In June and July we held the first three schools' conferences for the schools clusters involved in our Millennium Development Goal Countdown project. 10 primary schools and 3 secondary schools are taking part and have been learning about the international goals to reduce poverty by 2015.

At Blessed Robert Johnson Catholic school, the Marches School and the Community College, Bishop's Castle, nearly 300 children shared what they have learned and done in support of the goals. Pupils ran workshops, gave speeches, presentations plus dance and drama and learned more about water issues.



Bridges collected hundreds of sign-ups to the 1Goal campaign for global education at the conferences and local events.

"I have learned to give children more opportunities to lead"
Teacher

5. 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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Tell us what you think!

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Bridges is a Shropshire-based education organisation that aims to support an understanding of the diverse world and communities in which we live, and the issues that affect us all. We would like to empower people, individually and collectively, to take a full and active role as responsible global citizens.

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