



Bridges Schools E-Bulletin – Spring 2011

Supporting Shropshire and T & W Schools Making Global Connections

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1. Opportunities

A full programme of Bridges' Schools Services is attached

CPD Opportunities

Global Solutions for a Sustainable World - KS2 Primary CPD day.
Wednesday 26th January 2011 9.30 – 3.30 at Business and Development Centre, Stafford Park, Telford.

Want to get your pupils connecting with the global issues about sustainable living? This all day CPD session will help your school do this.

- Learn more about issues for the responsible young global citizen around the use of resources, waste and Fairtrade
- 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.

Previous course participant: "Enjoyed the day, packed full of info."

Cost £70 per delegate. To book a place please email childrensworkforce.team@telford.gov.uk or ring Sylvia on 01952 255526 for more details.

Diversity CPD training for primary schools

How can your school appreciate diversity better? Do your pupils understand the

diversity in their local area, the UK and the rest of the world?

Our diversity training for primary schools focuses on the specific diversity needs of your pupils through an initial base-lining exercise carried out by Bridges a week or two before.

Our twilight session for staff costs from £140 - £170, plus £60 for base-lining session. Why not get together with another school to share the costs of a session to make it even more reasonable?

'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

Ring Sylvia Ruxton or email sylvia@shropshirebridges.org.uk for further details on in-house CPD training.

Global Schools Partnership Training

For teachers with experience of school partnerships with Africa, Asia, Latin America or the Caribbean. These courses are run in partnership with TIDE and DFID Global Schools Partnerships and are FREE.

Building Effective Partnerships

Tide~ Centre, Millennium Point, Birmingham,
Tuesday 25th January 2011, 9:45am-3:30pm

This course will explore how to build long term equity based global school partnerships.

Global Education in Partnership

Tide~ Centre, Millennium Point, Birmingham,
Tuesday 24th March 2010, 9:45am-3:30pm

To book these sessions please email david.innes@britishcouncil.org or telephone Bridges for more details.

Workshops – New for 2011

Key stage 1 Workshop:

"The world came to my place today"

Looking at the global nature of our lives – for everything from our breakfast, snacks and our toys, we rely on things that we can't make or grow in the UK

"Wearing Precious's shoes for a day"

What would it be like to live in a Zambian village?

Key stages 2 and 3:

“Global Rethink”

Sustainable living: Rethinking how we live on this planet – rethinking processes and products to lessen our impact and live more sustainably

Key stage 3 workshop:

“Fashion that’s Fair”

Looking at where the power lies in the clothes production chain. Empowering young people to show they care about where their clothes come from.

Key Stage 4 Workshop “EQUALITY NOW”

A one hour workshop suitable for Focus Days.

‘Very good well thought out session – thought you made the students think, which was great. Very good activities’ Teacher, Meole Brace School

Students look at how power and money are shared in the world, and find out why gender equality is not just for girls. Activities to engage both boys and girls.

These are just some of a range of Bridges' workshops on global issues for primary and secondary schools. A whole day of workshops for KS1 - 4 pupils still costs only £170 plus travel. See our website for more details of our school services.

Host a Roadshow or Exhibition

Millennium Development Goal Roadshows

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

Views from Shropshire is a fantastic exhibition celebrating and sharing the stories of people who have moved to Shropshire from other countries. You can hire it for display in your school as part of your work on diversity. [Click here](#) to view the exhibition. Please get in touch with us to hire it.

Attention grabbing environmental message boards

Large vibrant graffiti boards, by pupils from Sutherland School (with the help of an urban artist). Convey a powerful message about our role in looking after our world. Email alison@shropshirebridges.org.uk if you would like to hire these for an event at your school.

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

Mothers Matter!

A learning and action pack on maternal health and motherhood around the world for Primary and Secondary Schools. Suitable for **Mother's Day on 3rd April & International Women's Day on 8th March.**

Every minute a woman dies in childbirth. 99% of these deaths are in developing countries.

Join with schools all over Shropshire to show that maternal health matters here and abroad with activities and actions that are ideal for Mother's Day.

Bridges is promoting a spring campaign in schools and community groups to highlight the needs of mothers around the world. We have a campaign pack full of facts and ideas to help primary and secondary school pupils to get involved and take action. An e-version of this pack will be sent to you in the next week. To pre-order a hard copy please contact Bridges.

Fairtrade Fortnight 28th February – 13th March 2011

It's that time of year again. More schools than ever are getting involved in highlighting the need for trade justice - Shropshire and Telford schools are no exception.

This year the Fairtrade Foundation is encouraging everyone to 'show off your label' – trumpeting the many different Fairtrade products available, especially Fairtrade cotton. See www.fairtrade.org.uk/fortnight

- Could your school join in the attempt to break the world record for bunting, with pupils writing their message about Fairtrade on cotton triangles?
- Or perhaps your pupils could stage a fashion show with tempting Fairtrade refreshments?

Traidcraft has launched an excellent new resource website for schools www.traidcraftschools.co.uk on Fairtrade inc. assemblies, info and activities on many products from quinoa to cocoa. Especially for Key Stages 2 & 3 but with plenty adaptable for other stages.

World Water Day 22nd March

Why not hold a water week to get your pupils thinking about world water issues? They could log their water usage for the week and compare it with usage in other parts of the world. Water Aid's website www.wateraid.org has lots of

engaging activities in its LearnZone for primary and secondary pupils inc. interactive games, facts, homework ideas as well as ideas for how pupils can get involved in campaigns and fundraising.

Join Bridges' Global Connections Network

The Global Connections Network brings together schools and organisations with direct links or connections overseas to cooperate on practical and educational matters. We would love to know about your Global Connections:

- Is your school linked with a school in another part of the World?
- Maybe you have family or friends in other countries?
- Are you involved with a charity that has a partner organisation overseas?
- Have you lived in another country or do you travel to other countries?

For information about the East Africa Focus Meeting, see events, below.

Please contact Alison on 01952 255526 alison@shropshirebridges.org.uk

3. Events with a global theme in the local area

Global reading

Look out for the World Reads Display in Telford Libraries (Telford, Newport, Wellington, Madeley) during March and in Oswestry Library during February with half-term activities at Oswestry, Ellesmere and Gobowen Libraries.

Take a journey to India, Nigeria or another unusual destination through a display of books from around the world. Novels by authors living in many different countries will be on display for you to choose from.

Let us know if there is a book from another country you would like to see in your local display.

Africa United

This is a perceptive 'feel good' film (12A) about children from Uganda travelling to the World Cup in South Africa that will get pupils talking about issues affecting Africa and the rest of the world. We can help you host this in your school. If you would like to view it beforehand, it is being shown at the Trinity Centre, Meole Brace at 7.30 pm on 22nd January, hosted by Build It International. For more details ring Bridges.

An East Africa Focus Meeting

Bridges' Global Connections Network is holding an East Africa Focus meeting on Thursday February 3rd from 3.30- 5.30 pm, Wellington Methodists' Church

- An opportunity to bring together people and organisations with interests

and links in East Africa. The participants will comprise schools, community groups and individuals.

- A chance to network and learn from each other – to help support, steer and strengthen links and to disseminate learning.

If you would like to come or would like to know more please contact Alison Thomas on 01952 255526 or email: alison@shropshirebridges.org.uk

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

This Autumn even more schools have joined our Millennium Development Countdown project to join in action to reduce poverty by 2015. 18 schools are now finding out more about the goals to reduce maternal death, infant mortality and combat diseases like malaria and HIV/AIDS. 19 teachers have received training to help pupils find out about the goals and engage others.

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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