

Bringing the World into Church Schools through school to school international partnerships



Methodist Church House, Marylebone Road, London NW1
Tuesday October 11th, 2011
10am – 4pm



This conference is being organised by BUILD (Building Understanding through International Links for Development), hosted by the Methodist Church Education Department and supported by the National Society as part of their bi-centenary celebration. We are delighted that Nicola Sylvester, Head of School Effectiveness at The National Society will give a keynote introduction.

International linking is one way many schools develop and deliver a sense of global citizenship among their pupils which research from the National Foundation for Educational Research seems to confirm (see below). The conference is designed to promote the exciting opportunities that school to school international partnerships across the world can bring to Church schools, teachers and students at primary and secondary level.

The programme includes the following:

- Keynote address: why 'global' is important in our education curriculum.
- Good partnerships – examples from existing school links
- What makes a good link?
- Starting a link with a realistic partnership agreement
- Sustaining the partnership
- Practical session on the support available for linking:
 - Getting the foundations right – Development Education Centres
 - Financial help and a great deal more – British Council
 - Other resources on the web and elsewhere
- Where do we go from here – taking things forward

The fee will be £40 per person or £35 per person for two or more from the same school. This will include a buffet lunch and refreshments.

A registration form is attached with this flier. Full details of the programme and venue etc will be sent on registration.

Further information about the conference E mail Stephen Lyon at stephenplyon@gmail.com [07989 389530]

What others say about linking:

"Involvement in the Global School Partnerships (GSP) programme has a significant positive effect on the awareness, attitudes and response of pupils about global issues at both primary and secondary school level.In GSP schools, working with the partner schools was greatly valued as a way of engaging pupils, of making the learning more direct and challenging stereotypes. Teachers in GSP schools reported high positive impact of the programme on their schools, their pupils and on their own personal and professional development".

*NFER (National Foundation for Education Research)
Executive summary on the Impact Evaluation report on GSP programme.*

Registration Form – October 11th, 2011 – Methodist Church House, London

Please fill in the form registration form and return it to Stephen Lyon, 64 Wicklemarsh Road, London SE3 8DS or stephenplyon@gmail.com If two or more people are attending from your school please copy the form for each person.

Name

Position

School

Address

..... Post Code

Tel Email

I enclose a cheque for £.....made payable to BUILD

Please can you provide some information on your school partnership or plans for a partnership.