The International Dimension

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INTERNATIONAL LINKS & PROJECTS

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Incorporating an International Dimension in learning is recognized as important

By Schools

By Government

By Communities

By Ofsted

-spiritual, moral, social, cultural development



Types of International opportunities available

- School linking and partnerships—around the curriculum, school management issues, languages, exchanges
- Regional collaborations (eg. <u>www.mcmc-regio.com</u>)
- In-service training (in another country)
- Assistants (from another country)
- Support and resources through the Schools Online
- Accreditation through the International School Award
- Web Platforms for collaboration
- European/ Global/ Multilateral or Bilateral

Types of funding available

- From free/ no funding programmes & opps like Schools
 Online partner search engine or E-Twinning
- To matched funding e.g up to £2,500 for pupil exchanges from UK-German Connection
- To token funding such as £1,500 for reciprocal school staff visits to Global Partners (Connecting Classrooms)
- To full costs covered e.g. Up to 2,000 Euros for 1 week EU Comenius in-service or up to 22,000 Euros 2 yr Comenius partnerships...



Why 'International-ism'?

 2 mins to write down as many reasons as possible....



- --To add value—by learning in a Global Context
- --Equip our pupils for life in a global society and work in a global economy
- --provide a global background for the learning experience of all pupils in our multicultural classrooms
- --to support pupil concepts of identity & their place in the world (GLOBAL CITIZENS ... POVERTY REDUCTION)
- --to encourage & support using other languages



Enrichment--of teaching/ of career/ of schools/

Ultimately

...benefits our pupils and our society...



Program/ Funding Providers—

EU/ British Council/ ECORYS/ UK:German Connection/ Lefevre Trust/ Oxfam...



In School...

programs or funding

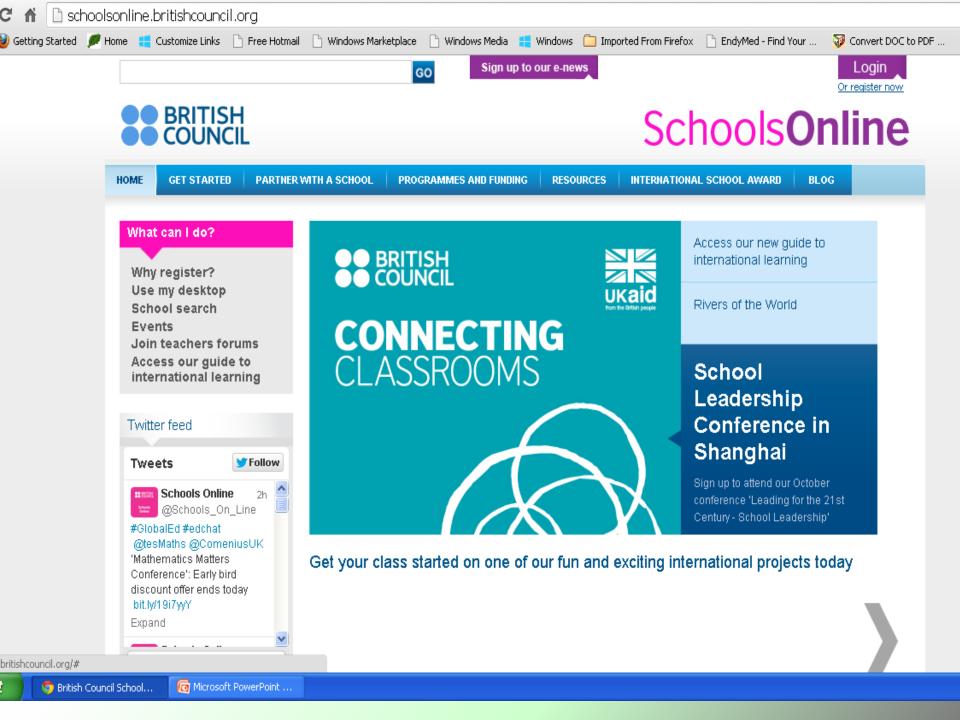
must meet YOUR needs

--what are your priorities/ school issues/ needs/ links?



Developing International Links

- Assess current situation
- -- Are there any links? Potential to be any?
- Ask key questions: What do I want from any links? What schools issues could they support? Community make-up should links reflect or contrast that?
- Links to Support MFL/ support community cohesion/ support curriculum/ develop staff or pupils...?
- Mayor/ University/ Town Twinning/ Business/ Staff/ Search Engines http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/ / Contact Seminars/ HEC Global Learning Centre http://www.globalfootprints.org ...
- Get SLT (& teachers/ pupils/ parents/ govs) on board



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