

British Council International Education opportunities

*An overview of the programmes
we offer that will bring a new
dimension into your classroom!*

This session will cover:

- Global Gateway
- eTwinning
- eLanguages
- International School Award

www.globalgateway.org

LOCAL SUPPORT



List of contacts by UK region - TIPD, ISA, eTwinning...

LINKING GUIDE



Take a ten-minute 'tour of the options' for linking!

Identified in the
Department for Children,
Schools and Families
International Strategy as a
main driver for the
international dimension

DCSF ISA



Our Tenth Year - so are YOU in the framework yet?

EVENTS



Funding deadlines, workshops, events + global calendar



department for
children, schools and families

Using the Global Gateway

- First port of call – overview of programmes to suit your needs
- Practitioner support – searchable database of ‘champions’ in your area
- Advice on projects and activities – over 100 case studies
- Ideas for professional development & training



Key features of the Global Gateway

- Friendly team who will support you till you find the partner school you want
- 10,000 schools – from Accra to Zagreb
- Personal advice on communication and collaboration and how to start a project



eTwinning

***A motivating, flexible, free &
easy to use tool to bring Europe
into the classroom!***

www.etwinning.net

Aims

- Make it **easy to use ICT** in the classroom
- Facilitate **collaboration between teachers** in different countries in Europe
- Allow **pupils across Europe to work together** online using various tools
- Provide **a multilingual platform** for online work in 23 languages

The Public Portal

General information: what is eTwinning and why get involved

View registered schools and projects

Inspiration: ready-made kits, project galleries

Support: guidelines, help, contact

“Register Now!”

The Desktop

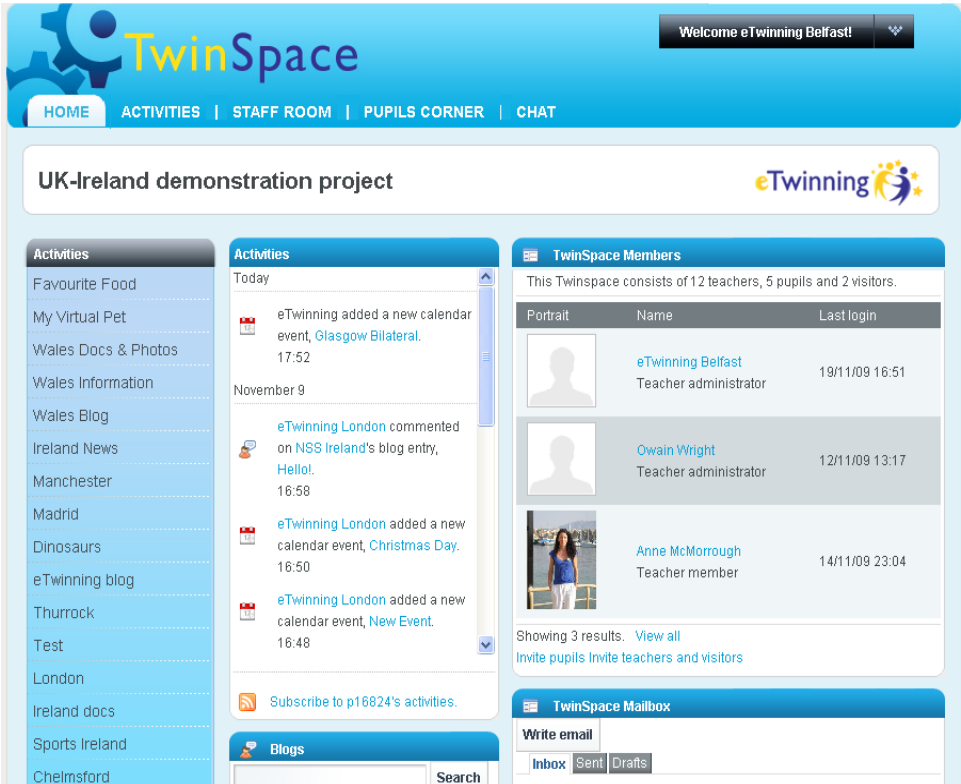
Teacher & school profiles – personalized, informative and fun!

Search engine & partner-finding forum

Chat with & email contacts

Create projects with contacts – to gain access to...

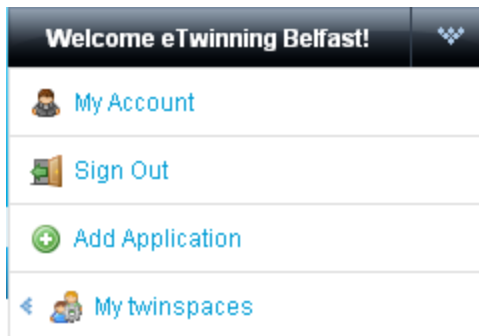
The TwinSpace

A screenshot of the TwinSpace web application interface. The top navigation bar is blue with the 'TwinSpace' logo and links for HOME, ACTIVITIES, STAFF ROOM, PUPILS CORNER, and CHAT. A 'Welcome eTwinning Belfast!' message is displayed. The main content area is titled 'UK-Ireland demonstration project'. On the left, there is a sidebar with a list of activities including 'Favourite Food', 'My Virtual Pet', 'Wales Docs & Photos', 'Wales Information', 'Wales Blog', 'Ireland News', 'Manchester', 'Madrid', 'Dinosaurs', 'eTwinning blog', 'Thurrock', 'Test', 'London', 'Ireland docs', 'Sports Ireland', and 'Chelmsford'. The central 'Activities' section shows a list of recent events, such as 'eTwinning added a new calendar event, Glasgow Bilateral' and 'eTwinning London commented on NSS Ireland's blog entry, Hello!'. The right sidebar, titled 'TwinSpace Members', shows a list of members with their portraits, names, roles, and last login times. Below this is a 'TwinSpace Mailbox' section with a 'Write email' button and tabs for 'Inbox', 'Sent', and 'Drafts'.

- A 'virtual classroom'
- Secure, private project workspace
- Project partners & pupils collaborate online
- Project work can be published to the public portal

Activities

- Manage & organise Activities



- Into each Activity you can add
 - Document Library
 - Image Gallery
 - Web Content Display
 - Blogs
 - Message Boards
 - Wikis

Staff Room



- Only visible to Desktop project members and invited teachers/visitors – pupils cannot see this page
- Can be used as a project planning area for staff to communicate and share documents

Pupils' Corner



- Invited pupils can view content and collaborate on project activities through blogs and wikis
- **Pupils members** can only view content
- **Pupils administrators** can upload and amend content – this should be a position of responsibility as pupil administrators can also delete content

Chat

- Live chat can be accessed by all Twinspace members
- This is a great way for pupils and/or staff to keep in contact in real time



Beyond the Portal...



- Campaigns and competitions
- National and European Quality Labels



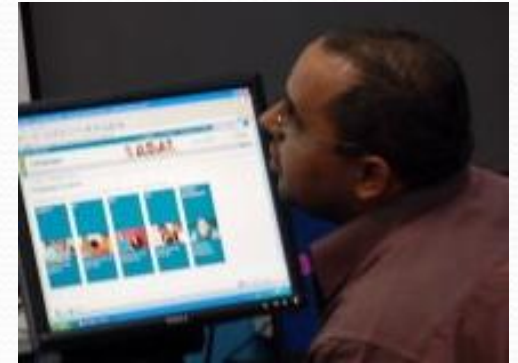
- Professional Development

- Online Learning Events
- Flexible country-wide workshops & events
- European training & partner-finding events



www.eLanguages.org

- Free website - for teachers
- Create your own projects
- Upload text, pics, videos, podcasts
- Share & swap the classroom work you are doing with a partner school
- Find new schools to link with
- Community - 5,000 users, 90 countries



What can you do using eLanguages?

- Collaborate with one or more schools
- Communicate (via messages & forums)
- Multilingual – available in 18 languages



- 100 MB per project page
- Blog your ideas and class activities

eLanguages

What are the benefits?

- **Students...**



Present their work to the world
Learn from authentic resources
Connect with and learn from peers

- ✓ Cultural Awareness
- ✓ Language Skills
- ✓ ICT Skills

- **Teachers...**



Collaborate and create school links
Involve their students creatively
Safe place to store work online

- ✓ International Dimension
- ✓ Cross curricular
- ✓ Professional Development

International School Award

- Official DCSF accreditation for successful practice in curriculum-based international work in schools
- Over 1200 UK schools accredited since 1999
- Target: all schools involved in international activity by 2012

1. Foundation: Introducing Internationalism	For schools beginning international work (no deadline)
2. Intermediate: Developing Internationalism	For schools that are beginning to work with an international partner school (no deadline)
3. Full Award: Accreditation for 3 years	For schools that have developed an integrated international ethos



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Successful partnership tips

- Collaboration & equality
- Planning & managing
- Engaging activities
- Firm foundations
- Expanding horizons
- Cultural considerations
- Sharing success
- Enjoy it!

Any questions?

*Thanks & good luck with your
projects; we look forward to
working with you!*