

Welcome to the Global Learning Programme Wales e-newsletter

Final reminder!

Entries for our exciting competition for pupils to illustrate one or more of the new Global Goals are already coming in! Just to remind you they have to be in by February 26th! Find out more at <https://globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales/news/20504/c/competition-time>

GLP-W Summer Event - Diary marker

The annual GLP-W Summer Event for Lead Schools will take place in Llandudno this year starting with a twilight session on 28th June followed by a full day on 29 June. Places are limited this year so book early please by emailing luckley@educationdevelopmenttrust.com

Spreading the net

21 of our Lead Schools successfully launched their brand new networks last month while 5 other Lead Schools are extending theirs. To whet your appetite, here are just a few examples of what some of our networks have decided to concentrate on this year:

- developing numeracy through global learning (Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern, Anglesey)
- spotlight on Identity & Culture with a special focus on immigration & refugees (Glan y Mor School, Carmarthenshire)
- global citizenship through story telling (Roath Park Primary School, Cardiff)
- introducing ESDGC through international linking (St James Primary School, Caerphilly)

GLP-W now has networks all over Wales so if you haven't joined one yet, it's time to go to <https://globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales/support/maps> to find all the details you need including the date of the next session.

Can't find a Lead School near you? It may be possible to join a network virtually or if you have good practice to share in this field and know of 7 other schools who might join you, **find out more about becoming a lead school** on <https://globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales/page/10900> but hurry as the deadline for the **last round of new Lead School applications is March 18th**!

GLP-W Networks of the term

There has been such a lot of excellent work taking place, we have selected two networks to highlight this term:

YG Cwm Rhymini (Caerphilly) joined the programme in 2014 and started out by teaming up with other secondaries to improve their knowledge and understanding of global issues. To this end, Lead School Co-ordinator Lisa Williams, employed the services and expertise of some of the [GLP-W Approved Providers](#) – read more on <https://globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales/page/10860>

Millbrook Primary School is situated in Newport, South Wales. We became a lead practitioner school for the Global Learning Programme Wales in January 2015. Since then we have gone on to establish two networks of schools totalling approximately 32 schools (we are oversubscribed!).

We have discovered that there is a real thirst for global learning amongst our network schools. Participating schools have been willing to share, suggest and reflect upon curriculum ideas. This is supporting one of our networks of schools in their quest to research and develop global pedagogy in line with the evolving new curriculum in Wales. Our schools have considered the pedagogical principles outlined in "Successful Futures" alongside the key GLP-W themes and they have shared expertise in the area of Making it Real. Our other network has chosen to work together to pool and share appropriate resources. Schools are sharing their global curriculum maps and are working together to support each other with ideas to close their global learning gaps. Our network schools have set up a drop box account to facilitate sharing. The creation of a Twitter account has also supported continued CPD in between network meetings. You can follow the group at @GLPNewport



"We feel truly privileged to be a GLP-Wales Lead School and to run 2 successful networks of professional practice. We feel that we gain just as much from our involvement as our network schools do. We relish the opportunity to think, share and learn in a culture of mutual respect. Being a GLP-W lead school has enabled us to do this. "

Keen to link with other schools in Europe?

The Erasmus + programme has taken the place of the Comenius programme. Schools can apply for funding to develop school only strategic partnerships with counterparts in one or more other European countries. The aim of these is to tackle issues such as teaching standards, entrepreneurship, citizenship, basic skills or linguistic skills through collaboration and innovation. The deadline for applications is March 31st at 11am. Find out more on <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-school-partnership-funding>

Holocaust Memorial Day

Pupils at Stanwell have been remembering the people who lost their lives under the Nazi persecution of the Jews in the 1940s.

A group of Sixth form and Year 8 pupils organised an information table filled with personal stories about the Holocaust and other Genocides that have taken place around the world and pupils were able to read this information, find out more and write their own messages of condolence, understanding and awareness.

Year 7 pupils attended an assembly about the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust and the work they do raise awareness of the day and keep the memory of those who suffered alive. Some examples of messages from pupils included:

'It is extremely important that we remember those who suffered under the Nazis. This was we ensure that these horrors won't be repeated'

'I remember going to a concentration camp and not being able to understand how such horrendous actions took place. We must not let something like this happen again.'

Christmas Messages

St Christopher's School is the largest specialist school in Wales. Students in the school worked with EuropeDirect last term receiving and replying to Christmas cards, letters, decorations and postcards from schools in Germany, Belgium, Spain and Greece. They waited in anticipation to see what they would receive from the different schools. Once receiving the items they researched the country, looked at what a tradition Christmas is like there and learned what Merry Christmas is in the different languages. In return St. Christopher's sent Christmas cards and an activity to make Welsh love spoons to the European students. This activity was very educational and also fun to do.

Focus on the Amazon

More than 70 pupils from school councils and eco committees in the Ysgol y Cribarth GLP-W network came together for a day of learning about the Amazon last month. Interactive rainforest and global citizenship workshops were delivered by Plan-It Eco, giving a fantastic insight into the lives of people in the Amazon rainforest. Pupils were amazed to discover the global nature of much of our food and clothing.

Pupils from Ysgol Maesyddenwen worked hard to support the younger visitors on the day. Back in their own schools, the school councillors and eco committee members will be responsible for sharing their new knowledge with their school communities.

Congratulations!

Well done to the following GLP-W schools:

- St James Primary School - Won the Caerphilly Pride in your Place award and Best Kept Area award
- Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymini (Caerphilly) - Awarded Confucius Classroom status
- Millbrook Primary – won the Newport Schools Recycling competition and awarded the Confucius Classroom status - launch on February 29th at 2pm - anyone interested in coming to the launch should email School@millbrookprimary.co.uk
- Ysgol Esgob Morgan (Denbighshire) – awarded the Fairtrade Schools Award
- St Christopher's School (Wrexham) – International School Award and awarded the Geography Quality Mark



Should your school be here too? Let us know at GLPWales@educationdevelopmenttrust.com.



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