

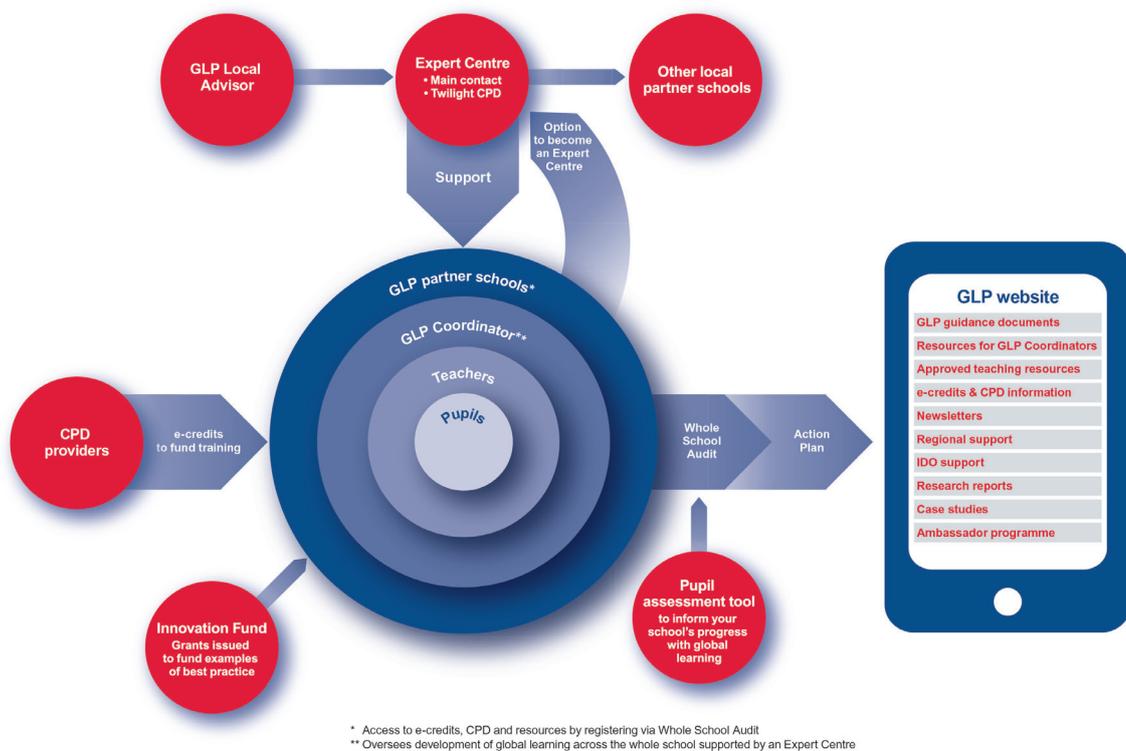
Get Started with the GLP

What is happening in my school?

Your school is taking part in the Global Learning Programme (GLP) for England. This is a ground-breaking new programme, which will create for the first time a national network of like-

minded schools committed to equipping their pupils to succeed in a globalised world. The programme will support teaching and learning about international development at Key Stages 2 and 3.

Programme structure



Why is my school taking part in the Global Learning Programme?

The GLP is supporting school improvement. Evaluation of global learning initiatives has been linked to pupils' improved self-esteem, confidence, self-respect and empathy. The evaluation of UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award showed 'strong and extensive evidence' of positive attitudes towards diversity and inclusivity.¹ The GLP website features case studies of schools that have used global learning to improve achievement, teaching,

behaviour, leadership, and spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) education.

The GLP is embedding global learning across all aspects of school life, as global learning is most effective when delivered as a whole school initiative.

What are global learning and development education?

Global learning and development education are approaches to learning about global and development topics through recognising the importance of linking people's lives throughout the world.

They encourage young people to examine global issues critically and raise their awareness of the impact that they themselves can have on these.

¹ Sebba, J. and C. Robinson (2010) *Evaluation of UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award*, Brighton: University of Sussex and University of Brighton

What opportunities and support are there for teachers?

As a GLP Partner School, you will be supported by your closest GLP Expert Centre and GLP Local Advisor. Expert Centres are schools with an excellent track record in the delivery of global learning. Local Advisors are experienced practitioners employed by the programme to work with partner schools to develop their global learning and help with any questions.

The GLP offers training for staff in all partner schools. There will be free training provided every half term by GLP Local Advisors and Expert Centres and funding in the form of e-credits for training from external providers. Speak to your GLP Coordinator to find out what opportunities there are for your school.

You can find all of the guidance and resources connected with the programme on the GLP website at www.glp-e.org.uk. These include:

- forums for school staff to discuss global learning and the programme
- downloadable guidance documents created to help you get started with the GLP

- details of professional development available through the programme
- access to global learning resources to use in your classroom.

GLP curriculum frameworks have been produced in conjunction with leading subject associations to support the delivery of global learning in English, maths, science, geography, history, RE and citizenship at Key Stages 2 and 3. These are available on the GLP website.

It is likely that your school has already appointed a GLP Coordinator to manage your school's involvement in the programme. Coordinators in GLP Expert Centres have the opportunity to work towards becoming a GLP Lead Practitioner; this is an online process accredited by SSAT. If you have a particular interest in global learning, you may want to consider these roles for your future career progression.

What can I do now in the classroom?

To find out how you can start to integrate global learning into your teaching, the GLP has created frameworks demonstrating how development education fits into the curriculum.

You can visit the Global Dimension website (www.globaldimension.org.uk) and search for resources such as lesson plans, activity kits, books and film clips to use in your classroom. You can search for resources by topic, subject and age, and those that match the GLP curriculum frameworks have the GLP logo.

You can also engage with other schools taking part in the programme on the forums on the GLP pages of the GLP website.

Some global learning activities you could try include:

- using Amnesty International's *Resource for Special Schools* (www.amnesty.org.uk) to introduce pupils to the concept of fairness and the human right of freedom of expression
- trying Oxfam's resources for Water Week (www.oxfam.org.uk) that use the senses to introduce water and problems associated with it
- exploring the Holocaust Memorial Trust's (www.hmd.org.uk/education) resources and assembly ideas to help pupils understand and build connections with others
- turning fundraising for international development charities into a learning experience – *Making the most of fundraising with young people* (www.globaldimension.org.uk) is a helpful poster which includes guidance that has been produced by a range of charities
- read *Connecting young people with special educational needs with the world*, (www.globaldimension.org.uk/news) an inspiring blog from a SEN consultant who has used global learning to engage and support pupils.

General enquiries

- If your school is not already involved in the GLP and you want to find out more information before speaking to your leadership team, you can order a *GLP Special School Senior Leadership Team Pack* from the website or by writing to glp@pearson.com. You can find information produced about the programme online on the GLP website at www.glp-e.org.uk. You may also want to speak to staff in schools who are already involved in the programme. You can do this by accessing the forums on the GLP website or by finding your local GLP Expert Centre or GLP Local Advisor (details of locations are on the GLP website) and getting in touch with them direct.
- For more details about the programme, together with guidance documents, global learning resources and forums, visit the GLP website at www.glp-e.org.uk.
- If you cannot find the answer to your question online or by speaking to your GLP Coordinator then please send an email with your query to glp@pearson.com or call the GLP Helpline on 0844 372 2126.

We look forward to meeting you online soon!