



Welcome to the first Global Learning Programme Wales e-newsletter

The Global Learning Programme - Wales – supporting schools to develop and embed education for sustainable development and global citizenship (ESDGC)

The GLP-W is gathering momentum and now has Lead Schools across most of Wales. GLP-W Lead Schools from across Wales are hard at work co-ordinating their networks of local schools, supporting them to develop and embed global learning. Each of the networks is run by teachers for teachers with support from the GLP-W team and partners. This includes:

- Expert training and support
- Networking opportunities
- [An ever expanding resource bank](#)
- [Opportunities for developing ESDGC leaders](#)

“The Global Learning Programme-Wales is an interesting and innovative learning opportunity.....clearly of interest and benefit to many schools in Wales in supporting teaching and learning in this important area.” - Welsh Government

Come and join us as a new GLP-W Lead School

We still have the capacity to recruit additional Lead Schools who can demonstrate good practice in ESDGC. We are particularly keen to hear from schools in Rhondda Cynon Taf, Gwynedd, Powys and Pembrokeshire but could also consider other authorities. The application process is very straightforward so what are you waiting for?

Find out more at: www.globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales and email us at GLPWales@cfbt.com by 23rd November if you are interested in this opportunity.

Welcoming new GLP-W Network Schools...

Would you like to access free expert support, training, and resources to help you develop global learning in your school? Whether you are new to the role of ESDGC co-ordinator, or have plenty of experience that you'd like to share and build on with others, there is a GLP-W Network to suit you. Take 2 minutes to register on our website – www.globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales/registration, then find your nearest Lead School here www.globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales/support/maps and get in touch with their co-ordinator.

ESDGC at the heart of “Successful Futures”

Global learning provides a motivating and authentic context for developing literacy and numeracy as well as for stimulating critical thinking skills. With the advent of a new curriculum, one of whose four main purposes will be helping learners to “develop as ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world”, the introduction of the WBQ Global Citizen Challenge at all levels, and PISA set to assess global competences in 2018, there has never been a more relevant time to get on board with GLP-W.

Focus on the refugee crisis

Following expert input by approved GLP-W trainer [Gill Miller of Chester University](#), Alun School Network took the timely decision to focus on the emerging refugee crisis last summer. Both primary and secondary schools worked to create suitable resources which were shared right across the network.

“Refugee week at the Alun School was incredibly beneficial for students. They had input from all subjects across the curriculum. Not only did they develop an understanding of the political issues involved, they also developed empathy.” - Emma McIntyre, GLP-W Co-ordinator, Alun School



See our new resource for exploring the background to the refugee crisis here www.globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales/news/20445/new-refugee-resources

Are you a SENCO or teaching in a Special School?

Heronbridge Special School in Bridgend is keen to set up an all Wales network of teachers interested in working together to develop global learning for pupils with special needs.

The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19th January at a location to be decided dependent on the schools expressing an interest. Further meetings will take place virtually to involve as many schools as possible. Please contact Sarah Morgan and Allison Rowlands - headteacher.heronbridge@bridgend.gov.uk or 01656 653974 at Heronsbridge School for more information.

GLP-W Lead School of the Season: Ysgol Esgob Morgan

We are proud at Ysgol Esgob Morgan to be a Lead School for the Global Learning Programme - Wales. As a school we have really benefited from being a part of GLP-W; staff have had access to excellent CPD and networking opportunities and have been involved in developing new and exciting resources. As a school staff we have worked hard to ensure that the key themes of the programme, particularly a deeper understanding of critical thinking are embedded across the school curriculum. We noticed that through developing and engaging in the programme our pupils are developing their own understanding of interdependence, critical thinking, globalisation and of issues relating to poverty.



Through our network we have engaged 25 schools from across North Wales to come on board the Global Learning Programme and to access high quality CPD from approved providers that will impact on their own practice in school and in turn the outcomes for their pupils. We have an active blog that we maintain following each Network Meeting at: <https://esgobmorganglp.wordpress.com/> to share photographs, resources and ideas. We have developed a truly global ethos in school led by the School Council and Eco Committee and celebrate and learn about global issues such as trade justice and rain-forests through the Size of Wales 'Go Green Day'. These events are always well received by staff and pupils alike and result in comments from pupils such as Stephen in year 6 (pictured) , 'Go Green Day was fun. It was good to learn about how we need to protect the rain-forests and make a better future for our planet'.

Congratulations!

Well done to the following GLP-W schools:

- YGG Cwm Rhymini - awarded the first iNET National Innovation Award for Community Engagement and Global Learning
- YGG Bro Pedr- awarded their first Green Flag
- Millbrook Primary – awarded the Silver Primary Geography Quality Mark and Confucius Classroom Status
- Esgob Morgan – awarded the Gold Primary Geography Quality Mark
- Plascrug Primary – reaccredited for the International Schools Award

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

Competition time

Look out for our exciting competition for KS2 and 3 learners, which we will be announcing at the end of the month. It has been devised to build on the World's Largest Lesson and help pupils understand the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals launched this September. The closing date will be February half term 2016, giving plenty of time to enter and there will be publicity and prizes for the winners.



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