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Leading Sustainable Schools

Improving schools, improving lives
A Greater Manchester conference for heads,
governors, administrators and bursars

22 March 2010, 8.30 - 1.30

All schools are to be Sustainable Schools by 2020, with sustainable development in the curriculum, modelling good practice on the campus and helping to deliver community cohesion. This conference will explore how school leaders can work towards these goals through curriculum development and creating a whole-school community approach.

Contributors include David Gardner (QCDA), Liz Jackson (WWF), and Leszek Iwaskov (Ofsted).

Free to school leaders. For more information or to book please contact Raichael Lock or Kate Hall, 0161 273 8881 or email office@meen.org.uk.

Events, opportunities, conferences

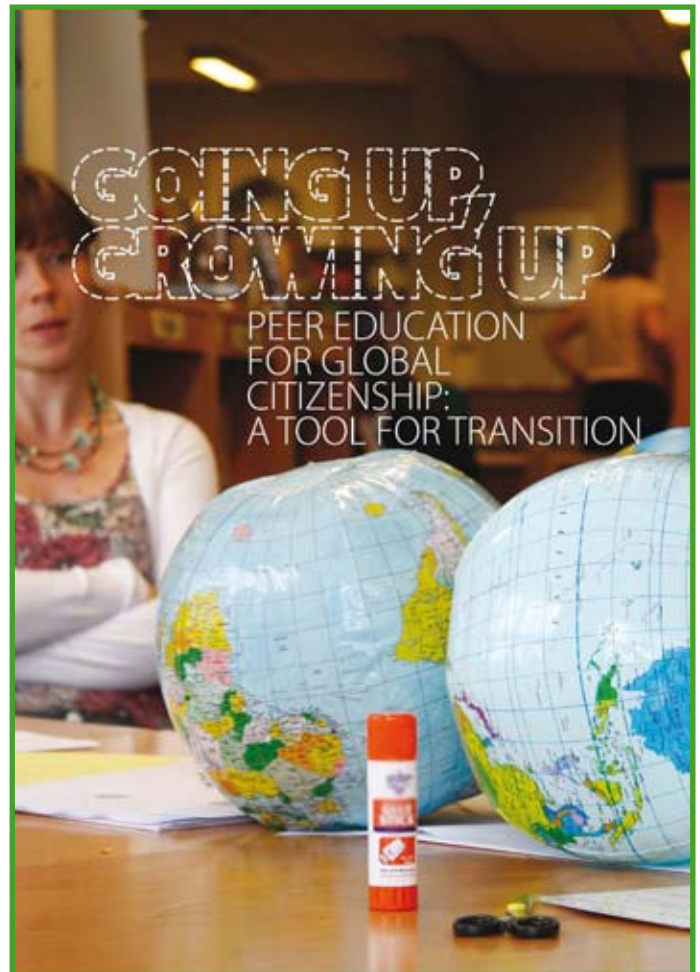
BEAGLE project

The Field Studies Council is inviting schools in the UK to join schools across Europe to take part in a big investigation on the phenology (seasonal changes) of six common tree species. The results will help us to learn about how trees differ across Europe and effects of human activity on the environment. All participating schools will receive a free guide for teachers and a fold out key to tree phenology.

Visit <http://www.beagleproject.org> or email global@field-studies-council.org.

The Big Swap for Fairtrade Fortnight

The theme of this Fairtrade Fortnight (22 February to 7 March) is The Big Swap. It's simple – swap your usual stuff for Fairtrade stuff. If you need some inspiration go to http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/products/retail_products/default.aspx. Then register your swaps at <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebigswap/>.



See the **Resources** section for more details of this new book

Black Environment Network

The Black Environment Network is running a networking conference and AGM in London on 14 April 2010. Travel subsidies are available for members of ethnic community groups.

The aim of the conference is to showcase the range of environmental opportunities available, increase access by ethnic minority communities and showcase innovative ethnic minority projects in order to share ideas, inspire action and facilitate networking for mutual support.

See <http://www.ben-network.org.uk/doing/eng.html>.

Environmental Trainers' Network

10 March, Manchester: Arts and crafts activities with an environmental theme.

18 March, Manchester: Working with secondary schools through the National Curriculum.

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Make The Link - Climate exChange: New schools programme from Plan UK and the Citizenship Foundation

Plan UK and The Citizenship Foundation are offering an exciting new programme which is fully funded by the European Commission and therefore free to UK secondary schools. This project has been developed to promote learning, dialogue and action on climate change by linking UK secondary schools with secondary schools in key at-risk countries in Africa (Malawi, Kenya and Senegal) and two countries in the EU (The Netherlands and Bulgaria). Participating students will connect globally to learn about, and share experiences and views on climate change.

The project will provide teachers with a flexible, engaging, child-informed syllabus and the programme is most relevant to geography, citizenship, science, IT and media studies curricula.

Contact Rachel Landman on 020 7482 9777 or email rachel.landman@plan-international.com.

Observer Ethical Awards 2010

The Observer Ethical Awards is launched for 2010. Now in their fifth year, the awards pay tribute to the great and the green. They are on the lookout for young people who have been sitting up and taking action against climate change, who are learning to respect their environment and see the importance it plays in their future.

Past winners have included young eco filmmakers, a special-needs school and their local nature reserve project and a group of junior rangers who transformed their local green space. The award is open to school groups or youth community groups whose members are aged under 16 on 1 January 2010. Ecover will provide a bursary of £2,000 a year for three years to go towards the winning group or individual's project.

The deadline for entries is 12 March 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.observer.co.uk/ethicalawards>.

One World Media Awards, 2010

Young people are wanted to judge award for films and media about development! The One World Media Awards - which are like the Baftas for films and media about the developing world - is looking for young people to judge one of its awards. Each year One World Media runs a competition to find four young people (aged 16-21) who are interested in development issues and the media. As well as judging a range of documentaries, radio reports and newspaper articles and selecting a winner, they visit TV channels and newsrooms and meet leading journalists and filmmakers. They also come to the televised awards ceremony in London, to present the Award with Jon Snow.

Visit <http://oneworldmedia.org.uk/awards/jury/youthjury> or email contact@oneworldmedia.org.uk with any queries.

One World Week Sharing Day - 13 March, Reading

One World Week are holding their annual Sharing Day on Saturday 13 March at Friend's Meeting House, Reading. This small, friendly event is suitable for everyone, from those that have never organised a OWW event to those who have supported One World Week for many years. Share experience and ideas and help plan for the 2010 events.

Lunch is included, admission is free and a contribution towards expenses may be provided.

Contact One World Week at oww@oneworldweek.org or phone 0118 939 4936.

Six more Greater Manchester primary schools needed

Twelve Greater Manchester primary schools will be reducing their carbon impacts from March through their work with Action for Sustainable Living's schools programme, A Few Small Steps. AFSS education officers will provide an inspiring year-long support package to help schools reduce their carbon impact, increase recycling and improve their food culture.

Work will also begin with students in a Manchester high school to pilot a KS 3 version of the programme, to be launched in 2011.

Contact Josh Steiner at schools@afsl.org.uk.

Street Style Surgery in schools

The Street Style Surgery is a social enterprise which works with children and young people from all walks of life throughout the UK. It is headed up by Sissy Rooney, a local fashion designer with the ambition is to make schoolchildren ethically fashion conscious, to give them opportunities to understand where and how clothes are made and why we should re-vamp rather than cast aside. Through her workshops she encourages pupils to think ethically and environmentally about fashion.

For more information see <http://www.streetstylesurgery.co.uk> or email sissy.rooney@gmail.com.

Sustaining Urban Green Spaces conference

What do you want from your green space? How would you like your children to use the outside spaces available to them? Do you want to get away from the shrub/grass estate culture?

This conference on Saturday 20 March 9.30-4pm at Norris Bank Primary School, Stockport, is an unique opportunity to be inspired by some of the leading figures making a difference to our urban green spaces.

£10 entrance by advance booking. Contact the school office on 0161 432 3944 or email: jane@janesebire.com.

Textile Heritage: Weaving Stories

Southern Voices is a community group which aims to promote Southern perspectives on development issues. Their project, Textile Heritage: Weaving Stories, looks at development of the cotton industry in Lancashire in the 18th and 19th centuries, how it became the centrepiece of Britain's Industrial Revolution

and its impact on the peoples and countries that were colonised in the process and forced to supply cotton.

The project exhibition has now moved from Central Library and will open on 15 March at Height Library in Salford (0161 736 1907).

A teaching resource and workshops for schools (led by people from West Africa, the Caribbean or the Indian sub-continent) are available.

Contact Ehinomen Oboh at oboh_ehinomen@yahoo.co.uk or Dave Cooke at dmcooke@btinternet.com.

Waste Works open evening

Waste Works are organising an open evening on 14 April 2010, from 4.30-6pm. Educators are offered the opportunity to look around the purpose built recycling education centre, meet the team and have some nibbles.

Waste Works is the Co-operative's recycling education centre for young people in central Manchester, offering free hands-on workshops for 7-11 year olds, a chance to bring sustainability to life, clear links to KS 2 and support material to help cut waste at home and school

Contact 0161 833 4563 or email wasteworks@co-operative.coop .

Young Human Rights Reporter of the Year

Learnnewsdesk, The Guardian's online news service for schools, has teamed up with Amnesty International UK to launch the Young Human Rights Reporter competition. Children aged between seven and 14 are asked to write under 250 words on a human rights story. This could be from personal experience or their interpretation of a human rights news story. Prizes include an expenses-paid trip to the Amnesty International UK and Guardian HQs, an easi-speak mp3 recorder and microphone and a specially made Amnesty Media Awards 2010 trophy. Winners will be announced in The Guardian and will be showcased at the Amnesty Media Awards on 1 June. Entries can only be sent through Learnnewsdesk – and there is a free login to the site.

For more details about the competition, and how to enter, go to <http://www.learnnewsdesk.co.uk>, login Amnesty, password Amnesty, and go to competitions link in the Be a reporter section. The closing date for entries is 1 April.

Young Inventors' Club, Saturday 13 March 2010

Following on from our popular Young Inventors' Club events during Manchester Science Week last October, we are now planning another fun and interactive workshop for children age 8-10. It will be held in Didsbury, south Manchester, on Saturday 13 March from 2.30 - 4pm. The cost is £5 per child.

All staff are CRB checked.

For more information please phone us on 0161 921 8020, email info@dep.org.uk us or book online <http://www.dep.org.uk>.

Resources

An Archaeology of Race - free online teaching pack

Research has shown that in areas with low numbers of black and ethnic minority pupils, racial prejudice is often most deep-seated and widespread. Part of race equality teaching is helping pupils to understand their multicultural origins, and dispelling the myth that Britishness means a white, mono-ethnic, religious and cultural background.

To download the pack, visit <http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/race/>.

DEA Global Youth Work Publications

The Development Education Association is releasing a series of global youth work publications over the next month. The series starts with a thinkpiece that examines the history and principles of global youth work.

See <http://www.dea.org.uk/resources/item.asp?d=2063>.

In March an external research paper will be published that evaluates the current Global Youth Action project and the potential development of global youth work. Following this on 18 March 2010 DEA will hold a reception to launch the global youth work practice guide.

Contact sarah.williams@dea.org.uk.

Every Day Should Be Mothers Day - an Oxfam activity for young people

Every year more than half a million women die during pregnancy or in childbirth. The vast majority of these deaths occur in developing countries and are wholly preventable. On 14 March Oxfam is asking young people to send a Mother's Day card to the leaders of the three main political parties in the UK asking them to ensure that the UK government leads the world in ending this global health crisis.

This activity could form part of a lesson or be completed by young people in their own time and can be downloaded at http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/change_the_world_in_eight_steps/files/Activity_for_Mothers_Day_2010.pdf.

There are updated teaching and learning resources on maternal health and the Millennium Development Goals at http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/change_the_world_in_eight_steps/.

Contact Jo-Anne Witcombe at jwitcombe@oxfam.org.uk for further support or information about Oxfam Education.

Fair trade for primary and secondary school students

Are you looking for a way to incorporate fair trade and ethical enterprise into your curriculum? The Co-operative College offers two free resource packs full of ideas, case studies, photos and activities.

The Co-operate for Change: Fairtrade in Your School primary

school pack is aimed at KS 2, and contains materials such as playing cards and a supporting CD Rom. The secondary school pack is aimed at KS 3 & 4. Both resource packs can be downloaded from <http://www.enterprisevillage.org.uk>. The primary resource pack is also available as a hard copy, which can be ordered from <http://www.youngco-operatives.coop>.

In addition, the Co-operative College's Young Co-operatives scheme helps students set up an ethical business in their school, which is run as a co-operative, from horticultural and growing projects to waste management schemes and fair trade tuckshops. Please visit <http://www.youngco-operatives.coop> for more information.

Going Up, Growing Up - Peer education for global citizenship: A tool for transition, £24.99 plus p&p

Transition from primary to secondary school can be daunting, with many children finding it hard to adapt to the larger, more complex social environment in which they find themselves in secondary school.

This teacher pack is designed to train older pupils to act as peer educators, thus empowering and inspiring pupils in the late stages of primary school, and helping to bridge the gap between the two. The peer educators learn then teach about important topics in the modern world whilst gaining a range of skills relating to communication, facilitation and the importance of respecting others as equals.

Buy online at <http://www.dep.org.uk> or contact DEP for more information, 0161 921 8020.

Hidden Worlds: Young children learning literacy in multicultural contexts, £18.99 plus p&p

This study of six young children from different cultural and language backgrounds who attend the same nursery approaches literacy and home-school learning in a new way. It shows that it is not the children's experiences that count but rather what they make of them - with support from adults and peers and their familiar home experiences.

Order from DEP by emailing jane@dep.org.uk.

New online CPD units from the Geographical Association

Two new sets of free CPD courses have been launched on the GA website.

For primary, My Place, Your Place, Our Place explores the relationships between identity and place by drawing on some key geographical processes and understanding. Download the resources at <http://www.geography.org.uk/cpdevents/onlinecpd/myplaceyourplaceourplace/>.

For secondary, Exploring the Geography of Food looks at the relationships between food and the secondary geography curriculum.

Download the resources at <http://www.geography.org.uk/cpdevents/onlinecpd/geographyoffood/>.

Pa Pa Paa NEW website

2010 is the tenth birthday of the award-winning Pa Pa Paa teaching resources that take students on the bean-to-bar journey of Dubble Fairtrade chocolate. The resources have been tried and tested in over 15,000 UK schools since 2000.

The latest development of the resources is Pa Pa Paa LIVE. Pa Pa Paa LIVE brings regular webcasts from a school in Ghana directly into your classroom. The webcasts are made by children from a Fairtrade cocoa growing community.

Your class can post questions for the kids through the Pa Pa Paa LIVE website. It's a great way for your students to nurture an ongoing link to a rural school in Ghana.

To subscribe visit: <http://www.papapaa.org/live>.

Primary Geographer - focus on global learning

The spring 2010 issue of Primary Geographer focuses on global learning. It has been edited by Ben Ballin from Tide~ Global Learning and includes an article written by Hetan Shah and Kate Brown of the Development Education Association, as well as DEA members.

Further details at: <http://www.geography.org.uk/Journals/Journals.asp?issueID=54>.

SEAL and the Global Dimension

A free training course is offered to primary and secondary practitioners, ITE providers and advisors on 29 March in Sheffield to introduce DEC South Yorkshire's work and review teaching materials that embed the global dimension in the national SEAL initiative. The training will help develop confidence in the delivery of cross-curricular and skills based learning, trial and develop innovative materials and develop ways to combine these two key areas of 21st century learning.

See <http://www.sealgd.org.uk> for more information and to access new free teaching materials.

SoundAffects global citizenship survey

170 schools worldwide responded to the recent on-line survey carried out by the charity SoundAffects. The survey asked about current resources used by teachers for global citizenship work, and gauged their reactions to the potential of using the new resource of professionally recorded audio material. The vast majority (96.7%) said they would welcome new innovative resources such as audio material, especially if it came from a country where their school already had a partnership.

Read more about the survey at http://www.soundaffects.org.uk/docs/SoundAffects_Survey_Summary.pdf.

The survey was carried out as part of the charity's preparations for the launch of SoundAffects Education, a new downloadable global citizenship teaching resource to be available from June. SoundAffects would very much welcome more secondary schools interested in taking part in the project.

See <http://www.soundaffects.org.uk>.

Undoing Homophobia in Primary Schools, £16.99 plus p&p

Teachers describe approaches and activities they have used to challenge homophobia, as part of the national No Outsiders project.

Order from DEP by emailing jane@dep.org.uk.

Jobs**Co-ordinator: Schools Energy Efficiency project**

MEEN is seeking a project co-ordinator who is able to build and sustain an educational programme helping schools increase their energy efficiency. You will be working in partnership with three primary schools and Manchester's Energy Management Unit. Your role will be to link the practical energy efficient measures to developing learning across the whole school community. You need to have good organisational and communication skills. A genuine interest in education and Education for Sustainable Development and understanding of energy efficiency would be useful.

Interviews are on Thursday 25 March 2010, Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, M4 7HR.

The contract will run to March 2011 with continuation depending on further funding. The salary is £20,000 pro rata, 2.5 days a week (flexible).

The closing date for applications is 5pm Wednesday 10 March.

For an application pack contact Raichael or Kate on 0161 273 8881 or email office@meen.org.uk.

Network co-ordinator support officer

MEEN is seeking a support officer who is able to help support the networks for Education for Sustainable Development in Manchester. You will be working closely with the network co-ordinator and must be able to provide administrative support for teacher training sessions and events, be able to compile and distribute a newsletter, develop and update the MEEN website, and other administrative tasks. You need to have good organisational and communication skills and a genuine interest in education and/or Education for Sustainable Development would be an advantage. There is potential for further development of the role.

Interviews are on Friday 26 March 2010, Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, M4 7HR.

The contract will run to March 2011 with continuation depending on further funding.

Salary : £16,000 pro rata, 2.5 days a week (flexible).

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