

A city-wide approach to expanding global learning in Portsmouth's schools: next steps

A task and finish group met on 2nd November 2017 to consider how to support an expansion of global learning in Portsmouth's schools. It was agreed that some practical next steps should be implemented in order to support this agenda. They were as follows:

1. **Invitation to all schools to a Global Learning Event** to be hosted by Admiral Lord Nelson School on Friday 8th December from 9.30 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.
2. All schools to be encourage **to register on the Global Learning Programme** at <http://glp.globaldimension.org.uk/registration> and to undertake a schools audit (gives access to £500 worth of e-learning credits that can be used to get speakers into schools, attend courses, etc). This level of support will only be available this year so all schools will be encouraged to register as soon as possible and to do so in advance of the Global Learning Event on 8th December (this will be stipulation for schools who are sending staff to the event and will ensure that ALNS can access funding from the Global Learning Programme to help run the event).
3. All schools to be encouraged to **register for the British Council International School Award**. The International School Award provides a supportive and motivational framework to guide international learning activities and helps schools gain recognition for their ongoing international work. The first step for applying for any level of the International School Award is to [register with Schools Online](#). This immediately provides a school with access to a range of resources and support.
4. All schools to consider the following **British Council programmes**:
 - **eTwinning** - free online community for schools in Europe allowing schools to find partner schools and to collaborate on projects within a secure network and platform
 - **inter-school language exchange / collaboration projects** - getting in touch with teachers from all over the world directly through Schools Online
 - **professional partnerships** - completing the *connecting classrooms core skills training* and develop a professional partnership with an overseas partner school
5. All schools to consider **establishing links with schools in China through the Ambassador Sister School Programme (Access China UK)** commencing with a Heads Delegation in Spring and / or Autumn 2018 to meet sister schools and sign up to a MoU as part of a 3 year commitment of joint projects and student and staff exchanges. For further details contact Toni Camilleri (toni@accesschinauk.com).
6. All schools to consider the use of the **Ethnic Minority Achievement Service's (EMAS) Bilingual Learning Assistants (BLAs)** to support linguistic, cultural and / or religious work in schools through input into cross-curricular days, assemblies, workshops, dual language story-telling, etc. This can be can be negotiated at no additional cost under the terms of the existing general support package for schools already signed up to the EMAS SLA or charged ad hoc for membership only schools. For further details contact Karen Thomas (karen.thomas@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)
7. Extend the advisory work being undertaken with the DfE on **unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC)** who come through the port of Portsmouth in order to raise awareness in schools about refugee issues and support. This will include details of the City of Sanctuary bid and how pupils can get involved (in collaboration with Portsmouth Football Club, the Red Cross and the Virtual School). For further details contact Karen Thomas (contact details as above).
8. All schools to consider becoming a **Rights Respecting School**. Using the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, UNICEF is working with more than 4,000 schools up and down the country to become fully Rights Respecting, embedding children's rights in the ethos and culture of schools. For further information go to: <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>.