

North West Global Education Network Local Learning Network of Schools (LENS Project)



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What is the NWGEN?

The overall aim of the NWGEN (<http://globdimnw.fireflyinternet.co.uk/index.htm>) project is to provide North West teachers with more effective and sustained support for incorporating a global dimension into their teaching, by adopting a more strategic approach to provision of support throughout the region.

This will ultimately, in the long term, enable all children experience the global dimension across all phases of their education across a variety of school activities.

This strategy is founded on the premise that young people are entitled to an education that prepares them for life in today's globalised society. It forms part of the national 'Enabling Effective Support for the Global Dimension in Schools' (<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/pubs/files/enablingeffectivesupport.pdf>) initiative developed and supported by the Department for International Development (www.dfid.gov.uk).

It is part of this wider national strategy but was developed in the North West chiefly through a consultation with stakeholders, mainly:

- Local Authorities and other bodies with an interest in education - in particular with LEA Advisers known to have an interest in the global dimension to the curriculum.
- Service providers - organisations, groups and individuals providing services to schools, which promote the global dimension in the curriculum.
- Schools - a cross section of schools from across the region were consulted by means of interviews and questionnaires. A number of illustrative case studies were developed showing a range of ways in which teachers are delivering the global dimension in schools.
- Southern* providers - were considered to have a special place in supporting the global dimension in schools. A 'Southern Forum' took place to facilitate consultation and discussion with this group.

What is the Local Learning Networks of Schools (LENS Project)?

As part of the NWGEN 5 year plan (2008-2013) a programme of work with schools within the North West has been developed. The main objective is to establish cluster/networks of schools to embed the global dimension (GD) across the region through a process of shared peer learning and activities.

The projected outcomes of this project include:

- Changes in pupil knowledge, skills and attitudes related to the GD.
- Changes in teacher knowledge, skills and attitudes related to the GD.
- 35 clusters of schools include a GD in their curricula and other aspects of school life.
- 30 teachers become 'champions' for GD.