



Cheshire Development Education Centre (CDEC)

Promoting global citizenship in
Cheshire, Halton and Warrington

Autumn Term 2008

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Partners, participants, audiences:

Cheshire DEC works with Early Years practitioners, teachers, education advisors, ITE tutors and students, HE institutions and community organisations.

Mission:

To promote an understanding of and respect for the lives and cultures of everyone, in order for us all to contribute and actively participate in the development of a fair society that celebrates diversity and difference and our global interdependence.

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Term Time only
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Resource centres now open at:

- **Halton – see inside for opening dates**
Astmoor Primary School
- **Warrington – open Thursdays 12 - 5.00pm term time only**
Halliwell Jones Stadium
- **Winsford – open Wednesdays 12 – 5.00pm term time only**
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Editorial

Welcome to the Autumn term newsletter.

We hope you had a good summer break.

This term looks set to be busy with a number of courses being hosted by CDEC.

We continue to host Level1 Philosophy for Children courses and have 3 courses in the autumn term and one booked for January. There are a few places remaining on the autumn courses so do contact us if you would like to attend.

The Annual Green Schools conference is being held on 15th October – details are in the newsletter – all delegates will go away with a nice selection of goodies in a bag from Eco Vision.

Our two DfID funded projects, Millennium Development Goals – working with Cheshire schools - and Warrington and the World continue, more details later in the newsletter.

We have completed writing the 'Promoting Race Equality – a practical guide' document and this will be distributed to schools via CAPH area meetings.

The North West Global Education Network (NWGEN), of which we are part, has had a new 5 year plan approved by DfID and we will be working with a cluster of schools in Chester to support them in increasing a global dimension across the curriculum.

A new Global Dimension magazine is also being published by NWGEN so look out for this in school.

Finally, we would like to encourage you to renew your membership or if you are not a member already to join the centre, there are many benefits. We have a new look website – www.cheshiredec.org – and this details all our resource centres, projects, courses and services to support you in bringing the world into your classroom or setting.

Have a good term.

CDEC MEMBERSHIP CHARGES

Membership runs from 1st September until 31st August

Large Organisations (>500 individuals)	£60
Small Organisations (<500 individuals)	£35.00
Individual member	£20.00
Student/Unwaged	£10.00

Membership entitles you to loan six resources for 4 weeks thereby giving access to 72 items every year, artefact collections may be hired at a nominal charge.

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Job vacancies – see our website
www.cheshiredec.org for current
vacancies

Philosophy for Children

During the last academic year CDEC has hosted six very successful Level 1 courses. 107 teachers in Cheshire, Halton and Warrington have now been trained to Level 1 and many schools are now adopting a whole school approach as the most effective way of introducing P4C. We are therefore hosting further courses during the new academic year, the dates for which are shown below.

In response to requests from teachers we are hoping to invite those who have already been trained to Level 1 to network meetings in order to share ideas and the good practice that is taking place. P4C level 1 accredited courses are being run on the following dates at the Halton Holiday Inn:-

Sept 11th & 12th 2008- 9.30 - 4.00pm
Oct 14th & 15th 2008- 9.30 - 4.00pm
Nov 11th & 12th 2008 - 9.30 - 4.00pm
Jan 27th & 28th 2009 - 9.30 - 4.00pm

Call the Chester centre on 01244 347880 for more details or to book your place.

The cost of this 2 day course is only £275.00 this includes a SAPERE handbook and Level 1 accreditation.

The course will be facilitated by Roger Sutcliffe.

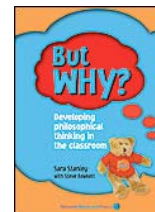
Some quotes from previous participants on courses run by Roger.

'Today has really made me think – it has also reinforced what I have wanted to do in school for some time.'

'I have felt engaged and stimulated for the whole day'.

'I thoroughly enjoyed the course and would recommend it to colleagues'.

A must have resource for P4C is the book 'But Why?' £15.99 + p&p from CDEC



Enterprise Week (17th-23rd November) is a national celebration where thousands of activities are run by organisations across the UK encouraging people to unlock their enterprising talent. The theme for Enterprise Week 2008 is to 'go global'. Visit <http://www.enterpriseweek.org.uk/home> to order your FREE guide and find out more

Warrington & the World

A number of Warrington Schools will be running their Global Focus Weeks this autumn with support from CDEC. They have chosen themes including Children's, Rights, Millennium Development Goals and specific countries

Project Schools involved:

Birchwood CE Primary
Brookacre Primary School
Christchurch Primary School
Culcheth Community Primary
Newchurch Primary School
Statham Community Primary
St Oswald's Primary School
Westbrook Old Hall Primary School
Woolston Community Primary

Through the project CDEC are able to help schools in the planning of a Global Focus Week (GFW) and provide workshops with children during the week if required. The project is specifically for Primary Schools in Warrington and runs until April 2010.

If you would like to be included in the project please contact CDEC on 01244 347 880 or email info@cheshiredec.org.

Warrington and the World Event at Halliwell Jones Stadium

As part of the Project, CDEC held an event for Warrington Schools on the 10th July 2008. The aim of the event was to make schools aware of the Warrington and the World project and to provide some training, support and guidance on planning a Global Focus Week (GFW). We looked at the identification of the aims and focus of a GFW, some simple activities and ideas to use during the week plus various examples of participatory evaluation techniques and how the project can support schools in bringing a global dimension to the curriculum.

Eleven schools from the Warrington area took part in the event.

MDG project update

World leaders will come together in New York on 25 September 2008 for a high-level event to renew their commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and to set out concrete plans and practical steps for action.

We shall be watching!

We are coming into the final academic year of this DfID funded project and are reflecting on the progress since 2005. The interim Report from our external evaluators which includes comments from project schools teachers and pupils reveals a great deal about the progress made and achievements over the last two years.

It was highlighted that the key benefits to pupils, according to project lead teachers, are that the project has:

- generated enthusiasm (for learning)
- enhanced awareness of current events
- given pupils a voice; more active role
- helped develop discussion skills

In response to surveys and interviews it is shown that teachers felt that essentially the *"project is not about learning facts about the world, it's about knowing what's going on, what the issues are"*, that the project is said to have *"broadened the children's knowledge of global issues ... empowered pupils to see themselves as active citizens"*.

Amongst quotes from children that support these various analyses are the following:

Interest and engagement with the issues

- *"I learned about world poverty. I would like another lesson"*

Emotional intelligence

- *"Everyone at Sound school is equal but different"*
- *"P4C has changed my life because I can let my feelings out"*

Sense of empowerment, and the capacity to be an active citizen

- *"I learned a lot this afternoon but the biggest one was I can make a big difference in life".*
- *"Q: How do you think your generation can change the world?" "If more people stood up instead of doing nothing"*

We are producing a toolkit for teaching about the MDGs based on the evidence from this project which will be available by Sept 09.

Cheshire's Year of Garden's



Before



After



CDEC was awarded a small grant from the Cheshire Year of Gardens to transform our small neglected backyard behind the resource centre in Chester into a Global Garden to teach and learn about the wider world and sustainability issues.

We have tidied up the yard and installed a water butt, compost bin, solar lighting, raised beds and a number of items to attract wildlife – namely a bird table, a butterfly/bee nectar feeding system, beneficial insect tower, bird feeders and fat balls. We still have some planting to do!!

We have some lovely new resources in the centre including:

The Playground Potting Shed – a foolproof guide to gardening with children – Guardian books

Bag Garden starter kit – Send a Cow

Get your hands dirty – a guide to growing plants and keeping animals in school

**Garden for Life – Eden Project
The Global Garden – Eden Project**

Promoting Race Equality – a practical guide



This 20 page, full colour, document highlights some examples of good practice from Cheshire schools. It provides a basic guide to legal requirements and definitions plus a number of case studies and examples that can be replicated. It also gives some practical ideas on dealing with racist incidents.

Copies will be distributed to schools via CAPH area meetings in the autumn.

We have ordered some extra copies so if you would like to purchase a copy directly from us please send a cheque for £4.95 (p&p inc) or ring us and we can invoice you.

Cash for Community Groups

**One Game, One Community
Week of action 16-28 October**

Kick It Out and the Football Foundation are joining forces to award a series of grants to groups who wish to use sport to tackle discrimination and exclusion.

The grants offer up to £1k to organizations and more information may be found at:

www.kickitout.org

ESD Project

Working with Education Improvement Partnerships on ESD

Cheshire DEC and Mo Morron (Sustainable Schools consultant) have obtained some funding from Cheshire County Council's Environmental Services to support EIP's to work on Education for Sustainable Development. A subsidised package of work can be offered to schools.

If you sign up to the package for £400 per school you will receive the following:

- * 1 INSET for the EIP to which you can send one member of staff.
- * 1 Twilight session for individual schools
- * 1 day (equivalent) support for each participating school including the writing of a progress, monitoring and evaluation report which will include case studies

In addition to the support provided to EIP's the project involves a number of other components.

- The development of the **ESD Newsletter** for Cheshire schools. The first edition was sent to schools via e-mail in June, the autumn Newsletter should be in schools from mid September. If you have any problems receiving this newsletter please contact CDEC as soon as possible.
- CDEC is also organising the **Cheshire Annual Green Schools Conference** on 15th October at the Portal Golf Club, Tarporley 12pm – 4pm. The event is **FREE** and will include a keynote speech from Anne Finlayson, Sustainable Development Commission and practical ideas and workshops on;
 - Carbon Detectives
 - School travel plans
 - Sustainable School Leadership
 - Healthy Schools and environments
 - Philosophy for Children (P4C)

To book your place on this Conference please call 01244 347880 or e-mail: jensimpson@cheshiredec.org before 20th September

Cheshire DeC AGM

Tuesday 2nd December 2008



CDEC invites you to our Annual General Meeting; this year with a focus on Christmas around the World.

The event starts at 4.30pm so pop in after school to look at resources and pick up ideas, the formal meeting will take place at 6.00pm when the annual report will be presented.

Why not have a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie and then go late night shopping in Chester after the AGM.

All members will be sent a formal invitation to the AGM.



OPENING TIMES

**Halton Centre:
12.00 – 5.00pm**

Friday 5th September
Tuesday 21st October
Tuesday 4th November
Wednesday 17th December



RELIGIOUS COLLECTIONS

Christianity (C/W/H)
 Hinduism (C/W/H/WA)
 Islam (H/W/WA)
 Judaism (C/WA)
 Diwali (C/H/WA)
 Sikhism (C)

PRINT BLOCKS

Adinkra (C/W/WA)
 Indian (W/H)

EARLY YEARS COLLECTIONS

Indian Clothing (W/WA)
 Musical Instruments (W/WA)
 Chinese New Year (C/W)
 Diwali (C/H/W)

Global clothes & textiles (H)

COUNTRY COLLECTIONS

Aborigine (C)	Kenya (C/W/WA)
Brazil (WA)	Mexico (C/WA)
Caribbean (W)	Nigeria (WA)
China (C/W/H/WA)	Pakistan (C/WA)
Ghana (C/WA)	Peru (W)
India (C/WA/W/H)	S.Africa (C/W/WA)
Indian Clothing (W/WA)	Uganda (W)
Zimbabwe (C/W)	Bangladesh (H)

STORYSACK COLLECTIONS

Available at Halton, Warrington & Winsford

Am I really Different?
 Bringing the rain to Kapiti Plain
 Caribbean Counting Book
 Chidi only likes blue
 Chinye
 Cleversticks
 Handa's Surprise (C)
 I love my hair
 My Painted House, My Friendly Chicken and Me
 Samira's Eid
 The Leopards Drum
 The Swirling Hijaab
 We all went on Safari

**C=Chester W=Winsford
 H=Halton**

WA=Warrington

CHARGE :

£5 per week for artefacts or

£20 per half term

No charge for Storysacks

If you need a map and directions these are available on our website

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 Cheshire, Halton
 and Warrington
 Coordinating body
 for the North West
 Global Education
 Network

