

Warrington and the World

The Project

CDEC was able to secure funding from the Department for International Development (DFID) (www.dfid.gov.uk/) for a three year project working specifically with Warrington schools.

CDEC recognised the increasing interest and specific value of schools holding Global Focus Weeks (GFW) as a means of introducing pupils to Global Citizenship issues; explore the wider world; to learn about the lives of others; find out about different cultures and at the same time evaluate aspects of their own lives. Therefore, we designed the "Warrington and the World" project to support and enable schools in Warrington to set up and run their own Global Focus Week.

Warrington schools are invited to become project schools, this provides the benefit of an introductory staff meeting, a GFW planning session and support and guidance from a dedicated Education Officer.

Warrington schools now also have the advantage of a CDEC Resource base located within the Halliwell Jones Stadium on the Community Floor which is open every Thursday between 12pm-5pm.

What are Global Focus Weeks?

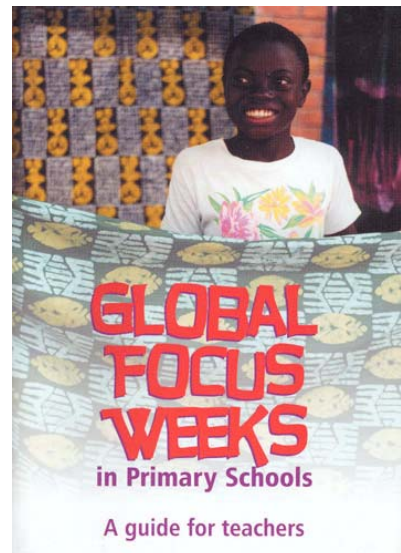
A Global Focus Week is an off-timetable week where the main intention is to develop children's sense of wonder and excitement about the world in which they live, to gain some understanding about key concepts and issues that

affect us all in an interdependent world. In addition, they will hopefully become more aware of their role as responsible global citizens who can make a difference to the lives of others. Schools are asked to select a particular theme or topic some examples include Children's Rights, Fairtrade, Millennium Development Goals and a particular country focus.

Through providing stimulating activities and embracing the opportunity to invite visitors into school including storytellers, musicians, dancers, artists and people from different faith backgrounds schools can develop and run highly successful Global Focus Weeks.

Some suggested aims for a Global Focus Week are:

- To raise children's awareness of the wider world and their own place in it
- To enable children to celebrate and respect differences and similarities between people and ways of life
- To explore issues which affect our world
- To identify opportunities for taking action to make the world a better and fairer place
- To create a sense of wonder and excitement about the world in which we live
- To enable children to see themselves as global citizens who can make a difference to the world



More details can be found from this key resource - *Global Focus Weeks in Primary Schools; A guide for teachers £4.00 GLADE*

Who has been involved in the Project so far?

Project Schools include:

Bewsey Lodge Primary
St. Peter's Catholic Primary
Statham Community Primary
Appleton Thorn Primary
Beamont Community Primary
Birchwood C E Primary
Bradshaw Community Primary
Brook Acre Community Primary
Broomfields Primary
Burtonwood Community Primary
Callands Primary
Culcheth Community Primary
Gorse Covert Primary
Latchford C E (Aided) Primary
Meadowside Community Primary
Newchurch Community Primary
Our Lady's Catholic Primary
Penketh Community Primary
Ravenbank Community Primary
Sankey Valley St. James' C E Primary
St. Barnabas CE Primary
St. Benedict's Catholic Primary
St. Bridget's Catholic Primary
St Elphin's Primary
St. Helen's CE Primary
St Joseph's Primary
St. Lewis' Catholic Primary
Sycamore Lane Community Primary
Winwick C E Primary
Woolston Community Primary



Global Focus Week themes so far have included – South Africa, China, Africa, Children's Rights, Fairtrade and Contrasting Localities.

If you would like your school to be involved in the Warrington and the World project or would like more information on planning a Global Focus Week please contact us on 01244 347 880.