

Educating for a **fair** and **sustainable** world

Autumn 2008

CDEC is the Cumbrian co-ordinating body for the North West Global Education Network



Celebrating & Sharing at Rydal Hall - Summer School Linking Conference

The lovely setting of Rydal Hall, Ambleside, made a great venue for CDEC's School Linking Conference, an opportunity for more than 40 teachers from Cumbria and beyond to share their experiences and learn from each other. Teachers and students from Secundaria Tecnica #44 school in Mexico City, attended with their Ulverston Victoria School hosts, and teachers from Ghana and South Africa joined the 'locals' for workshops and presentations.

One teacher commented, "A wonderful venue & very well organised event...I go home feeling inspired & with some ideas about how to inspire my colleagues. Thank you!"



CDEC regularly runs courses for those schools who are just thinking about developing a link, as well as for those who are more established but wish to embed it more fully into their learning experiences across the curriculum.

Identity & Diversity KS3 Conference

One Supply paid place for every Cumbrian secondary school!

We at CDEC are really pleased to be able to offer this unique opportunity to ALL Cumbria secondary schools. The Teacher Development Agency have provided funding (as part of the National Priorities in CPD programme) to support this event on Thursday November 13th. In addition the conference is free to any secondary school teacher in the county. The programme promises to be full and varied, and finely tuned to the new statutory requirements at KS3. A mix of workshops, introduction to P4C, presentations by students and staff, including an evaluation framework, and a free pack of case studies & schemes of work, make it an unmissable day for all those involved in tackling Identity & Diversity within their schools. To be sure of your place, do call 015394 30231 or email: office@cdec.org.uk

Gradually Getting Global!

Six schools, mainly in West Cumbria, are now involved in CDEC's Get Global project!

In their different ways, the schools are looking at how to embed global citizenship across the curriculum, and involving everyone in the school community, including governors and parents. Each school is taking their own creative approach, supported by a member of the CDEC team.

For instance, St Joseph's Secondary in Workington, based their Year 9 Activity Days around the theme of Water - local to global. At Sandside Lodge Special School, staff have been developing new schemes of work to make the global dimension accessible to pupils who have all sorts of physical and mental challenges.

To find out more about the project and how your school can get involved, please email office@cdec.org.uk.

We hope to hold an event to share ideas and celebrate the achievements of the project so far in the spring term '09, so watch out for details.





Events This Term

To book please complete the enclosed booking form and return to; CDEC, Low Nook, University of Cumbria, Ambleside, LA22 0LQ.

Or for more information on any of these course and events, please contact our Ambleside office on 015394 30231, email us office@cdec.org.uk, or go to our website www.cdec.org.uk.

Philosophy for Children

New to P4C?

We are offering two level 1 training courses this year, during the autumn term in Windermere and in the spring term at Barrow in Furness. Each two day course offers a chance to learn practical ways of developing good thinking and questioning skills, and to see how P4C can develop the potential of the classroom as a 'community of philosophical enquiry'. Please see our events section for dates and booking information.

Looking to extend your experience?

Level 2 training will take place at Swarthmoor Hall, Ulverston on 10th -12th October & 14th -16th November. Attendance at all four days is a requirement for level 2 qualification.

For further information please contact thinkingworlds@yahoo.co.uk.



The Home Front

Maternity leaves are almost over - for the moment anyway! Sam Smith returns to assist Claire with administration and resources, and will be dividing her time between the Ambleside and Barrow offices. Anthea Stevenson and Beki Cosh will be returning after autumn half-term to take up the reins again. Brenda Fishwick has moved on to work with Creative Futures, Cumbria. We wish her good luck in her new role.

Upcoming events 2009

21st Jan & 11th March - Philosophy for Children Level 1, Barrow in Furness

5th February - Thinking of Linking: Step by Step to a School Link, Penrith

9th & 10th October -

Philosophy for Children Level 1

This two day course will give participants the basic qualification in P4C - an approach to teaching & learning developed over the last 30 years.

Cost: £200, please book through CDEC

16th October -

All's fair in...Cumbrian Schools

This twilight Inset is designed to give participants the confidence, skills and support to make a difference with fair trade in their school. To demonstrate how fair trade can enrich every day aspects of the curriculum.

Cost: usual LIN rates apply, please book through LIN

21st October -

The Really Useful Guide to Global Education

A twilight Inset to give delegates confidence, skills and support to develop an approach which prepares children to become global citizens

Cost: usual LIN rates apply, please book through LIN

6th November -

The Global Outdoor Classroom

This enjoyable one day course will provide the practitioner with ideas, inspiration, confidence and a free resource pack to draw on the urban and rural outdoor environment as a stimulus for global education.

Cost: pay through CCPD Children's Services

13th November -

Identity and Diversity Conference

Sharing practice in Cumbria on creative approaches to teaching and learning in the new KS3 citizenship curriculum, focusing on:

Identity & diversity; critical thinking & enquiry; topical & controversial issues; community cohesion; pupil voice

Cost: Free to KS3 teachers. One supply paid place for each secondary school in Cumbria. Please book through CDEC

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