

Global learning - a partnership with the British Council

Background

Through the Portsmouth Education Partnership, we are seeking to develop a strong relationship with the British Council to realise the benefits that the British Council can bring to Portsmouth through international education work. We know from research how beneficial global learning can be to pupils, teachers, schools and local communities.

Engaging in international activities within the curriculum can motivate pupils by helping children and young people of all ages to develop an appreciation of cultural diversity, reinforcing the value of learning a language and allowing learners to enjoy a better understanding of the world.

Teachers benefit from professional learning through collaboration with colleagues in other countries, enabling the sharing of expertise and discovery of innovative and inspirational practices from around the world which can be implemented in the classroom.

Next steps

An overview of how schools can benefit from international education through the British Council is given overleaf. But rather than signposting schools to work individually with the British Council, we want to develop this further, and agree with the British Council a tailored programme of work for Portsmouth which is relevant to Portsmouth's schools and which will encourage all schools in Portsmouth to participate in some shape or form. This can also build on some of the strong links that already exist in the city between countries such as France (Caen), Germany (Duisberg) and Japan (Maizuru).

To this end we are organising a workshop with the British Council and would like to invite Headteachers / senior leaders from schools who would have an interest in developing this further through the Portsmouth Education Partnership. The workshop will be held on 29th September 2017 from 9.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room A at the Civic Centre offices. If you are interested in taking part in this workshop please contact Kelly Rooker kelly.rooker@portsmouthcc.gov.uk by Friday 28th July to confirm so we can make the necessary arrangements.

How you can bring global thinking into your school through the British Council - an overview of how schools, staff and pupils can access international education through the British Council.

Curriculum resources - designed to engage pupils with the world around them and support teachers to educate children and young people for global citizenship. This can include:

- Lesson plans, classroom activities and assembly plans
- Language learning teaching resources
- Ideas for working in partnership with schools in other countries

Language learning & cultural immersion - supporting the teaching and learning of world languages

- Language assistants - native speakers of foreign languages
- Language courses
- Language competitions

Professional development for staff

- Teaching and school leadership - exploring and sharing different approaches to teaching and school leadership with international colleagues
- Global citizenship
- Network - sharing ideas and working collaboratively with teachers and school leaders from other countries

International linking - link up with a school in another country to enable learners to work together on curriculum relevant projects. The British Council offers eTwinning, a free and secure online platform and network to find school partners and work on projects together

- Lesson plans
- Online projects
- Linking with and visiting a partner school