

Have you checked out our new website?
www.globaleducationinitiatives.org.uk

Ready for the winter? British Red Cross activities

You can't stop winter happening. You can change the impact it has on you. That is the heart-warming message from this series of wintry activities. They are good for classrooms and particularly recommended for informal sessions or youth work.

Help young people prepare for winter and maximise the fun, enjoy the comforts, and reduce the risk of cold, dark, shivery consequences.

Click [here](#)

Young Human Rights Reporter of the Year Competition

The Young Human Rights Reporter (YHRR) Competition is an annual competition for young people run by Amnesty, in partnership with the Guardian Teacher Network and MA Publications, publishers of SecEd, Headteacher Update and Primary Teacher Update. The award encourages young people to become human rights reporters, to investigate what's going on in the world and bring human rights abuses to light. **The 2012 competition is now open and will close on 31 January 2012.** Click [here](#) for more information

Free award winning book on human rights for primary schools

Primary schools in the UK can now claim a free copy of Amnesty International's award-winning book *We Are All Born Free*, thanks to the acclaimed actress Emma Thompson and other generous donors.

This beautifully illustrated book includes contributions from artists and illustrators from all over the world that help explain human rights to young children.

Schools will also receive a free copy of 'Learning about human rights in the primary school'. Click [here](#)

Bristol: Your Green Future Student Event

The Your Green Future events are taking place during National Science and Engineering Week and Climate Week, making them a great way for your students to be involved in these national events.

These free events, for students in Years 10-13, will take place **Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March 2012**, 9am - 3.15pm, at **UWE Bristol Exhibition and Conference Centre**.

The event will include inspiring talks, an exhibition area and hands on workshops run by specialists, which include giving students a chance to develop 'green' business ideas.

www.yourgreenfuture.org.uk/info-schools

To attend

Register your group of Year 10-13s for one of the days at www.yourgreenfuture.org.uk

Relaunch of Global Dimension Website

The site has a brand new, clean design and improved navigation. Those signing up to the new [schools network](#) will get a twice-termly newsletter plus activity kits and other giveaways. All absolutely FREE.

www.globaldimension.org.uk

Action for Social Integration - online resources

The following documents are available on Action for Social Integration's website: www.afsi.org.uk

Please click on "Documents" where you will find:

A guide to schooling in England - For BME and newly arrived migrant parents

Newly arrived migrant and refugee children in the British educational system - Research report

Newly arrived migrant and refugee children in the British educational system - Executive summary.



**We've had a makeover! Check out our
new website
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Our Africa

www.our-africa.org

'Our Africa' is an evolving learning resource with four levels of visually compelling information with a collection of video footage from children across Africa talking about what matters most to them – from games they play; to aspirations they have for jobs; to how they would like things changed fundamentally in their societies. Accompanying the videos is accessible and straightforward background information on subjects you may be interested in if you wanted to explore a country.

A learning resource for teachers that can be readily used in the classroom in support of the national curriculum accompanies the site to make it a ground-breaking learning tool that students and teachers will enjoy. You can view the teacher's resource here:

<http://www.sos-schools.org/our-africa-teaching-resources>

During the process of the making of 'Our Africa', children who live in SOS Children's Villages (homes and families for orphaned and abandoned children) were taught how to use camera equipment through a series of workshops. The end result captures their thoughts, opinions and ideas to present a new perspective on Africa through their own eyes.

Children were also given the opportunity to script, edit, direct and produce short films, which can be seen on 'Our Africa', on subjects that matter to them. Each film reveals quite a lot about their lives, their life experiences and their aspirations for their future.

Museum of East Asian Art, Bath

The Year of the Dragon Third Annual Primary Schools Competition

Make a dragon with your class and get the opportunity to participate in a procession that will inaugurate the Lunar New Year on 29th January 2012

If you contact the Education Office before 15th December you can book a FREE Lunar New Year and Dragon Dancing Workshop in your school.

Go [here](#) for further information

Global Crest Challenges

Looking for a challenging STEM project for your students?

Want to encourage your students to achieve a CREST award and maybe go on to take part in national competitions such as the Big Bang Fair? Then Practical Action's Global CREST challenges are perfect for you. Challenges are based on real problems faced in developing countries. They are divided into five themes - water, food, energy, shelter and transport.

Our resources give students ideas for starting points for projects and to help them we link to technical briefs which are used by real engineers in the field.

These challenges provide students with a great opportunity to gain a real understanding of how science and engineering can be used to the benefit of people in the developing world.

practicalaction.org/CREST

Send My Friend in 2012

Every child should have the opportunity to achieve all that they can and education is key to that. ActionAid's Olympics-themed 2012 campaign will include a range of creative learning, campaigning and fun activities to engage the whole school during the summer term of 2012.

[Click here to order you FREE pack \(we'll send it out next term\).](#)



Peacethread 3

Peacethread (www.peacethread.blogspot.com) has received funding from Trust Greenbelt to deliver a conference in February 2012, based at The Tank Museum, Bovington, which will engage young people in an enquiry about the role of the soldier in Peacemaking, based at the new Battlegroup Afghanistan exhibition and hoping to incorporate a video link to some young people in Kabul, via the British Council.

Please contact Helen O'Connor for more info oonnorhelen@tiscali.co.uk

KS3-4 - HIV/AIDs resources

Exploring HIV and AIDS in developing countries, ActionAid have produced a KS3-4 PowerPoint, teaching resources and teacher notes. This resource explores the stories of those living with HIV and AIDS in developing countries. It can be used in citizenship, PSHE, geography and science lessons, or to mark Worlds AIDS Day on 1st December. (Published 2011)

Click [here](#) to download

Talk Gym

Talk Gym is a fantastic free resource from the BT Learning & Skills programme that enables young people to build their communication skills in readiness for life after school. Easy to follow online activities help young adults aged 14-19 to discover how others see them as communicators, and to discover which skills they may need to develop.

Click [here](#)

On March 1st 2012, 1.30-4pm... Get your Hands Dirty!

Global Gardens in your School

Run by WISE (We Inspire Sustainability Education) in partnership with Global Education Initiatives.

A course for KS1-3 teachers and LSAs, but parents/governors who support outdoor learning are also welcome Participants will:

- Develop practical and creative ideas to maximise the potential of their school's garden – or tiny urban space
- Explore the concept and value of a global garden as a way of inspiring children's learning and skills
- Identify links to curriculum areas, sustainability and global citizenship in school
- Build an African bag garden and try out other global garden projects
- Take away lots of tips, resources and follow-up suggestions to use right away!

Course cost: £55 first delegate (£45 for any additional delegates from the same school) 20% reduction for WISE Support Scheme members

New Online Resource

British Empire and
Commonwealth Museum

Using the fascinating archives of The British Empire and Commonwealth Museum, we have put together curriculum-linked packages to inspire you and your students to discover our shared history.

<http://www.commonwealthonline.org.uk/>



A Sense of Justice

The British Red Cross has a new teaching resource to help students to explore issues of fairness and justice through the lens of international humanitarian law or the "laws of war".

The Justice and Fairness teaching resource allows students to explore issues of fairness and justice through the lens of international humanitarian law or the "laws of war". This resource helps students see the bigger picture in conflict situations and approach controversial issues through different perspectives. It also enables them to see the links between people in crisis situations around the world, themselves and their wider communities.

It is specifically designed for Key Stage 4 or for 14-to-16-year-olds and can also be used in informal or non-formal education settings.

The resource is available for free at www.redcross.org.uk/justice

BP Educational Service Two new free resources for you

Young Science Investigators: Project Kit provides real world activities on electricity, forces and materials for Key Stage 2 (KS2).

How Science Works - Clip Bank is a collection of videos, animations and activities for Key Stage 3 (KS3) and Key Stage 4 (KS4) students that give great examples of real-life science in action. Topics include hydrocarbons, polymerisation and combustion of fuels among others.

[Find out more](#)

Christmas is Coming!

Powerpoint of different ways Christmas is celebrated around the world, available from TES [here](#) for KS1 teachers

Global Education Initiatives' International Women's Rights Conference will be held in Bristol on Saturday 25th February. FREE for all, including lunch email

info@globaleducationinitiatives.org.uk to book a place.



Launch into the World

Our **Global Resource Centre** contains hundreds of books, activity packs and publications available to loan to schools, colleges and universities as well as the general public.

We also provide artefact and topic boxes covering a diverse range of themes which can be taken out on loan.

Our boxes have been specifically compiled and contained a large number of cross-curricular resources.

To see the full contents of each box go to www.globaleducationinitiatives.org.uk

Topic Boxes

2 week loan £20/ 6 week loan £50

Asia	(Primary)
Conflict	(Secondary)
Development Issues	(Secondary)
Fair Trade	(Primary)
Food for Thought	(Primary)
Food for Thought	(Secondary KS4)
Global Health Issues	(Secondary KS4)
Going Global	(Secondary)
Human Rights and Wrongs	(Primary and Secondary)
I am a Refugee	(Primary and Secondary)
Media and Perceptions	(Secondary)
Our Changing World	(Primary and Secondary)
Our Global Village	(Primary)
Round the World	(Secondary)
Slavery	(Secondary)
The Price of Tourism	(Secondary)
Trade Justice	(Secondary)

Artefact Boxes (contain a mixture of relevant resources, activity packs and background materials)

2 week loan £20/ 6 week loan £50

Art & Design around the World	(Primary and Secondary)
East Africa Box: Focus on Tanzania	(Primary)
Global Textiles	(Primary and Secondary)
Music Around the World	(Primary)
West Africa Box: Focus on Ghana	(Primary)

[For lists of the contents of our boxes please go to www.globaleducationinitiatives.org.uk](http://www.globaleducationinitiatives.org.uk)