BRING THE WORLD INTO YOUR CLASSROOM

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The British Council offers a wealth of programmes to help schools in Wales bring the world into classrooms, through classroom resources, language learning and cultural immersion, professional development and international linking:

**Curriculum Resources**
Our curriculum resources are designed to engage learners with the world around them and help teachers bring an international dimension to their school. The resources include lesson plans, classroom activities, language learning resources, and ideas for working with schools in other countries.

**Language Learning and Cultural Immersion**
We offer a range of resources and opportunities to support the teaching and learning of modern foreign languages in UK schools, including our foreign language classroom assistants, language courses and competitions.

**Professional Development**
We help school staff to expand and hone their own skills and equip them to internationalise their school’s curriculum. Opportunities through our International Professional Learning Communities programme are only available to teachers in Wales.

**International Linking**
Schools can use our curriculum resources or link up with a school in another country to enable learners to work together on projects and create new cultural connections.
Explore our programmes now!
Our programmes offer an array of exciting opportunities, suitable for any teacher, whatever their experience:

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Our programmes are designed to support teachers in various aspects of their professional development, including curriculum resources, language learning and cultural immersion, professional development, and international linking.
Charles de Gaulle Trust
Language learning and cultural immersion; international linking

The Charles de Gaulle Trust offers exciting opportunities for young people in the UK and France to work together on joint curriculum projects and to host reciprocal visits for young people aged 17-19. The trust awards grants of £5,000 per school, encouraging groups of young people aged 17-19 and educators to visit partner institutions. By immersing themselves in the culture of another country, young people develop language skills, and enhance their employability and vocational skills, and educators have the opportunity to learn from different education practices.

For more information visit schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org or contact: charlesdegaulle.trust@britishcouncil.org

Chinese Language Assistants
Language learning and cultural immersion; international linking

The Chinese Language Assistants programme offers assistance in the field of language teaching and learning in the UK and abroad. The assistants are qualified and experienced teachers or teaching graduates with at least one year’s experience of teaching overseas. Language assistants can help introduce language learning to students, providing cultural awareness and language learning skills in a way that can only be gained from a native speaker, and are a real benefit in supporting the internationalisation of the classroom and the school curriculum.

Grant funding is available to schools in Wales, to cover the full costs of hosting a Chinese Language Assistant for one academic year, supported by Hanban, the public institution affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education and the Welsh Government.

For more information visit schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org or contact: iepwales@britishcouncil.org

China Bridge
Professional development; international linking

China Bridge provides an opportunity for UK head teachers to embark on a week-long professional development visit to China. This is a unique opportunity to network, establish a school link in China, inspire schools to learn Mandarin and introduce Chinese culture into their curriculum. For Welsh participants, all costs are covered by Hanban, the public institution affiliated with the Chinese Ministry of Education and the Welsh Government.

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Connecting Classrooms
Professional development; international linking

Connecting Classrooms is a global education programme which focuses on the core skills young people need to thrive in work and life in the 21st century.

The programme closely supports the teaching of wider skills across the curriculum in Wales and the implementation of the new Digital Competence Framework.

Teachers can access fully funded professional development and international collaboration opportunities, allowing professionals to meet and share best practice with counterparts in the UK and overseas.

The first part of the journey is to learn more about teaching core skills. In Wales, two core skills courses, ‘Critical Thinking and Problem Solving’ and ‘Digital Literacy’ are currently being offered. In the next stage, participants can apply for a professional partnership with an overseas school and a £3,000 grant to collaborate and work together on a joint project, bringing an international element to the classroom.

For more information visit schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org or contact: Schools@britishcouncil.org

Information on core skills courses available in Wales is on the website of our training partner, Think Learn Challenge: go to www.thinklearnchallenge.com and follow the link to Connecting Classrooms.

Erasmus+
Language learning and cultural immersion; professional development

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme offering education, training, youth and sport opportunities for European citizens. The programme provides funding for school partnerships and professional development for staff within 27 EU countries and five non EU countries. Erasmus+ aims to modernise education, training and youth work across Europe. It is open to education, training, youth and sport organisations across all sectors of lifelong learning, including school education, further and higher education, adult education and the youth sector.

Opportunities under Key Action 1 emphasise school staff mobility, allowing staff to undertake professional development and gain work experience in an international environment by taking part in mobility of up to two months. These opportunities can include studying courses, taking part in job shadowing and observation or undertaking a teaching placement.

Funding opportunities for school partnerships fall within Key Action 2, where collaboration and linking between schools is encouraged in order to tackle particular issues related to school education. Past partnerships have explored improving teaching standards, promoting global citizenship, improving basic skills and developing entrepreneurship.

Collaborations can either operate at a school to school level or applications can be made by local and regional authorities and others working in the field of school education.

For more information visit www.erasmusplus.org.uk or contact: erasmusplus.enquiries@britishcouncil.org
**eTwinning**
*Language learning and cultural immersion; international linking*

The eTwinning programme is the community for schools in Europe – a free online community that builds partnerships and international linking between schools throughout Europe. With over 40 countries involved and over 300,000 teachers registered, eTwinning allows teachers and schools to collaborate on projects and access high quality professional development through ready-made resources, and enrich the learning and motivation of pupils and staff.

For more information or to sign up for free go to [www.britishcouncil.org/etwinning](http://www.britishcouncil.org/etwinning) or contact: etwinning@britishcouncil.org

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**HSBC Mandarin Speaking Competition**
*Language learning and cultural immersion*

The HSBC Mandarin Speaking Competition is an opportunity for students to improve their Mandarin language skills. With entries for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels, and also a group performance category, the competition allows students to develop vocabulary and improve pronunciation and raises their confidence for oral examinations. There is also the opportunity to win a visit to China!

For more information visit [schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org](http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org) or contact: chinaschools@britishcouncil.org

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**International Professional Learning Communities**
*Professional development*

International Professional Learning Communities (IPLC), align with Welsh Government education priorities, and offer teaching professionals from schools and colleges in Wales the chance to collaborate with schools, organisations and networks in other countries. Teachers from Wales have the opportunity to visit a country overseas to learn from international colleagues by observing lesson delivery, teaching methodologies and content approach and standards in student learning.

Learning exchanges in the past have included digital competence in Hong Kong, school leadership in Malaysia, numeracy in India, literacy in Canada, arts in special educational needs in Los Angeles and reducing the impact of poverty on attainment in New York.

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**International School Award**
*Curriculum resources; language learning and cultural immersion; professional development; international linking*

Established in 1999, the International School Award (ISA) is a free global accreditation and award scheme given to schools that demonstrate engagement in international activity.

With four levels of certification and accreditation (foundation, intermediate, full accreditation and reaccreditation), the award is a supportive and motivational framework that guides schools through their international work.

For more information visit [wales.britishcouncil.org](http://wales.britishcouncil.org) or contact: isa@britishcouncil.org
Language Assistants  
Language learning and cultural immersion; international linking

The Language Assistants programme provides an opportunity for schools to employ a native speaker of French, Spanish, German, Italian or Russian to work with pupils to improve their language skills, increase their cultural awareness and boost their confidence.

For more information visit www.britishcouncil.org or contact: language.assistants@britishcouncil.org

Lefèvre Trust  
Language learning and cultural immersion; international linking

The Lefèvre Trust offers grant funding to enable reciprocal visits between young people and educators from institutions in the UK and France that are working together in sustainable, curriculum based partnerships. Secondary schools, including sixth form and further education colleges, already working together in a partnership can apply jointly for a grant of up to £5,000 per school, to enable a group of young people aged between 11 and 19 to visit their partner school in France/the UK. As well as the invaluable advantage of experiencing French culture, students will also benefit from improved confidence in their language speaking.

For more information visit schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org or contact: lefevre.trust@britishcouncil.org

Lesotho Teacher Placement Programme  
Professional development; international linking

The Lesotho Teacher Placement Programme is delivered by Dolen Cymru, an independent charity that fosters a link between Wales and Lesotho in Southern Africa.

The programme provides funding for qualified teachers in Wales to teach or mentor pupils in Lesotho for at least three months, an opportunity to be immersed in another culture, and utilise and develop your teaching skills in a different environment.

The initiative also offers teachers from Lesotho the opportunity for a reciprocal visit to a Welsh primary school.

For more information visit wales.britishcouncil.org or contact: iepwales@britishcouncil.org
Pupil Language Ambassadors

Language Learning

Pupil Language Ambassadors are school pupils in year 8 and 9 who have a passion for languages.

Following training, by Routes into Languages Cymru, pupils selected to become ambassadors have a valuable role in promoting the value of modern foreign language learning amongst school pupils by organising events and activities within their school community, working closely with teachers and with support from Routes Cymru Student Language Ambassadors.

Pupil Language Ambassadors can help enthuse language learning, and increase the take-up of languages amongst school pupils.

As well as the invaluable advantage of building their confidence, pupils will also benefit from improving their skills in communication, team working and events organising.

For more information visit routesintolanguagescymru.co.uk or contact: info@routesintolanguagescymru.co.uk

Schools Online

Curriculum resources; international linking

Schools Online is the British Council’s online platform that helps bring the world into your classroom by offering free classroom resources, professional development courses and opportunities to form relationships with schools across the world. By registering for a free account with Schools Online you will gain access to professional development courses and overseas training and placement opportunities. There are free classroom resources, to suit all age ranges that offer your pupils a well-rounded international education. There is lots of information on how to partner with another school, and details of funding opportunities that support activities with a partner school.

For more information visit schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org or contact: Schools@britishcouncil.org

UK-German Connection

Language learning and cultural immersion; professional development

UK-German Connection offers grants for bilateral school projects across the curriculum, funded language and culture courses, seminars and trips for young people, ambassador networks, continuing professional development (CPD) opportunities for teachers as well as advice, support and special initiatives for school partnerships with Germany.

For more information visit www.britishcouncil.org or contact: info@ukgermanconnection.org

Welsh Language Project

Professional development

The aim of the Welsh Language Project is to promote and develop the Welsh language in the Chubut region of Patagonia, Argentina, by recruiting language development officers from Wales to undertake teaching placements in Patagonia’s Welsh speaking communities, and to provide training and leadership to the team of local tutors.

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This booklet includes a selection of the projects we work with in Wales. To find out more about what we do visit our website below or get in touch with us, we’re always happy to talk about new ideas and projects.

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