

# School Linking in Diversity Education

**Lancashire Global Education Centre (LGECE)** has been supporting schools across Lancashire in establishing local school links through the **School Linking In Diversity Education (SLIDE)** Project (<http://www.lgec.org.uk/Projects/School-Linking-in-Diversity-Education>). A school link creates an equitable partnership between children, young people and adults in order to help them explore their identity, celebrate diversity and provide opportunities for dialogue. Linking activities can be embedded across the curriculum so that rather than being an 'add-on' they enhance lessons by providing a real purpose. It can be with another school that is 'different' in some way, or can be an internal link between groups within a school.

## Establishing a school link is a practical, safe and fun way to:

- Promote community cohesion
- Explore identity and sense of belonging to the community
- Explore diversity in its broadest sense, for example urban/rural locations, large/small school-sizes, Special/mainstream settings and contrasts in ethnic backgrounds of the pupils
- Enhance the curriculum with purposeful learning opportunities connected to real-life
- Develop key life skills in getting to know new people and challenging assumptions and stereotypes
- Work on cross-curricular projects



*Pupils have said, 'I didn't think I was going to like them, but they are just like me!'*

*'I think our attitude changed towards everyone and that everyone should be treated fairly.'*

*Teachers have said, 'It has been the most rewarding year of my professional career.'*

*Parents have said, 'It has been a very worthwhile project...I think [my son] has got a lot out of it and it has led to some very interesting conversations around the dining table.'*



## Packages of Support

### 1. Starter Package

- Support with recruiting a suitable partner school
- Initial 1-day CPD training for lead teacher focusing on identity, diversity, community cohesion, setting up a local school link and evaluation methods.
- Termly follow-up cluster meetings to reflect on progress, plan next steps with your partner school and share good practice with colleagues from other schools involved in local school linking

**Cost: £250**

### 2. Enhanced Package includes the Starter Package plus any of the following:

- half-day school visit to help reflect on the progress of the link, the impact and plan the next stages (**£100**)
- 1-day CPD training for lead teacher on 'Introduction to Philosophy for Children (P4C)' (**£100**)
- 1-day CPD training for lead teacher on 'Dealing with Controversial Issues' (**£100**)



### 3. Bespoke Whole School Package (designed for a pair of schools which have agreed to link but wish to ensure the whole school is aware and involved)

- Whole staff twilight INSET for each school focusing on best practice in developing a local school link and an introduction into exploring identity and diversity
- Joint planning meeting with lead teachers from both schools
- 2 follow-up progress meetings with lead teachers from both schools
- Introduction to Philosophy for Children (P4C) joint training for a maximum of 25 teachers from both schools
- 'Dealing with Controversial issues' joint training for a maximum of 25 teachers from both schools

**Cost per school: £750**

For members of LGEC, there is a 10% reduction on the above prices. If you are interested in one of these packages, please contact LGEC

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