

Putting the World into World-Class Education

An international strategy for education, skills and children's services.

The strategy has three main goals:

Goal 1: Equipping our children, young people and adults for life in a global society and work in a global economy.

Goal 2: Engaging with our international partners to achieve their goals and ours.

Goal 3: Maximising the contribution of our education and training sector, and university research to overseas trade and inward investment.

School linking can help schools to meet these goals through teaching about diversity. Diversity is one of the 8 key concepts laid out in the strategy. The other concepts are: Citizenship, Social Justice, Sustainable Development, Values and Perceptions and Interdependence. School links have also covered these other concepts through shared projects focusing on topics such as Global Warming and Fair Trade.

Linking locally can also be very beneficial for schools wanting to form international links (which fall under goal 2). Linking globally brings great benefits to schools, their pupils and staff however, links can take a lot of time and patience to set up. It is therefore very useful to take learning and experiences from a local links to ensure that global links are successful and sustainable.

For more information on Global Linking see www.globallink.org.uk For teachers in North West interested in Global Links visit globdimnw.fireflyinternet.co.uk to find out about any local training available.