

Partners and projects

The links in this document give you a sample of useful sites, which you may find useful for developing partnerships with schools in other countries or engaging in international projects. All links were active at the time of writing in February 2008.

AEDE: Association Européene des Enseignants: Links to an extensive range of partner-finding services, plus projects and more.

BBC World Class: An excellent site devoted to twinning schools around the world. Lots of useful links.

British Council - Comenius: Comenius is part of the European Lifelong Learning Programme and provides opportunities for schools and colleges to introduce or strengthen the European dimension in their curriculum. The British Council Comenius pages give full details and help you to find a partner school.

Department for Children, Schools and Families: Very useful information and links, including **ISOC**, the Socrates Projects Database.

The European Day of Languages: The European Day of Languages, supported by the Council of Europe and the European Commission, is held on September 26 each year. Pupils across the continent engage in activities to promote language learning and language diversity. Contact your national representative, called "National Relays", on the EDL website.

The European Award for Languages: The European Award for Languages promotes innovative and effective learning of modern languages. It is supported by the European Commission and by CILT, the National Centre for Languages in the United Kingdom. Projects must be based on a language other than English and must have an international dimension. One of the thematic strands of the initiative is TELL (Technology Enhanced Language Learning). You can consult projects under this strand at the **EU European Label database**.

eLanguages: A free-to-use online collaborative programme supported by the British Council, enabling you to work in partnership with other teachers internationally, share authentic resources and create reusable curriculum-relevant projects. The eLanguages site is available in many languages including the world's 10 most popular languages.

eTandemEuropa: Learners use new technologies to work with a native speaker partner overseas to improve their target language.

ePals: Examples of projects are available at this site. There are resources in several languages. They are not geared specifically to modern languages, but they can give you good ideas.

The European Schools Project: More than 300 primary and secondary schools from over 26 countries participate in ICT-based projects.

European SchoolNet: Work collaboratively with partner schools in Europe using ICT. Examples, email exchange, partner finding, pen-pal corner.

E-Twinning: E-twinning, managed in the United Kingdom by the British Council, aims to use ICT to bring schools together in e-partnerships, enabling pupils to share ideas, collaborate on projects and learn about each others' cultures, while enhancing their ICT skills. For pupils of foreign languages, it offers great possibilities for developing language competence in a stimulating way

Friends Abroad: Not so much for projects as to get older pupils into contact with each other to practise their foreign language skills.

The Global Gateway: A free resource for finding partners worldwide. Not all partnerships or projects relate to modern languages or ICT, but it is worth investigating the potential for your school. You will find lots of ideas related to the international dimension and the rest is up to you!

Gemini: Software to enable pupils around the world, particularly in developing countries, to work in collaboration.

Global Leap: Video conferencing in the UK and around the world. There are great opportunities to bring foreign language learning alive in face-to-face contact with partner schools anywhere in the world.

Global School Partnerships: Department for International Development (DFID)
Partnerships with schools in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. Funding is available to support the development of the global dimension in the curriculum.

IECC: Intercultural E-mail Classroom Connections: A service to put teachers in touch with one another, with a view to establishing email contact for their pupils. The IECC-INTERGEN services help teachers and their pupils to build intergenerational partnerships with volunteers over 50 years of age. There is also a useful Resources section.

JapanUK Live: A bilingual site which helps pupils to exchange information, ideas, photos and sound files.

LC-SE : Language Colleges, French-English partnerships and projects. There are also resources and case studies. Supported by the Specialist Schools Trust, DfES and the French Ministry of Education.

The Voyage: the British-German youth portal: See the teachers' section for school linking.

Schulweb: An open German school network, with links to German schools on the World Wide Web.

Science Across the World: Use this site for collaborative work on science topics with schools worldwide. See target language resources below.

Specialist Schools and Academies Trust iNet: International networking using ICT. Case studies, publications, newsletters.

Unesco - Associated Schools Project Network: Launched by UNESCO in 1953, ASPnet includes 7,662 institutions in 175 countries.

Volterre_Fr: A valuable list of French schools with websites.

Where to look

AEDE: www.aede.eu

BBC World Class: www.bbc.co.uk/worldclass

British Council – Comenius: www.britishcouncil.org/comenius.htm

DCSF: www.dfes.gov.uk/eip/partnershipandlinks.shtml
ISOC: www.isoc.siu.no
European Day of Languages: www.ecml.at/edl
European Award for Languages: www.cilt.org.uk/eal
EU European Label database: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/language/label>
eLanguages: www.elanguages.org
eTandemEuropa: www.cisi.unito.it/tandem/etandem
ePals: www.epals.com/projects
European Schools Project: www.espnet.eu
European SchoolNet: www.eun.org/portal/index.htm
E-Twinning: www.britishcouncil.org/etwinning
Friends Abroad: <http://friendsabroad.com/register.htm>
Global Gateway: www.globalgateway.org.uk
Gemini: <http://gemin-i.org>
Global Leap: www.global-leap.com
Global School Partnerships (DFID): www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-about.htm
IECC: www.iecc.org
JapanUK Live: www.japanuklive.org/english.html
LC-SE: www.lc-se.net
The Voyage: www.the-voyage.com
Schulweb: www.schulweb.de/de/deutschland/index.html
Science Across the World: www.scienceacross.org
SSAT iNet: www.sst-inet.net
UNESCO -Associated Schools Project Network: http://portal.unesco.org/education/en/ev.php-URL_ID=7366&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html
Volterre.fr: www.wfi.fr/volterre/ecolefrance.html