

Resources

There are many web sites for those wishing to develop a European or international dimension in the teaching and learning of languages. The collection of links in this document gives you a sample of useful sites, all of which were active at the time of writing in February 2008.

Target language resources

Aboriginal Planet - Planète Autochtone: The Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs has produced this site in English and French dealing with the challenges facing indigenous peoples in Canada and other countries. The resource centre offers Global Issues Primers, amongst which are useful materials on Indigenous Women.

CyberSchoolBus United Nations : An excellent multilingual site with quizzes, games and background information. Pages are in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Chinese.

Eine Welte Info: A German language site dealing with a range of relevant issues.

EuropaGO: This 11-language site for younger learners offers interactive games to develop awareness of Europe, covering citizenship, geography and music.

The Goethe Institut: A well-established site to promote the German language and German culture.

Lingu@net Europa: Lingu@net Europa is a multilingual resources centre to support language teaching and training. It offers information and links to online resources, research, authentic materials and reference materials.

MicroMadrid: Aimed at 6-12 year olds, this Spanish site deals with many issues of interest to young people. Useful links.

Place Publique: Described as "le site des initiatives citoyennes" this French site has an Espace 15-25 ans and a helpful International section.

PrimLangues: A French portal with resources for primary languages. Teaching ideas, background documents, forums, Ask an Expert, self-assessment.

Science Across the World: Resources for science teaching in English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. You can also use this site for collaborative work on science topics with schools worldwide.

Terre des Femmes: A German-English site on the rights of women worldwide.

Unicef Voices of Youth: Materials in French, Spanish and English on world issues that matter to children of all countries.

Vitamin de : A German magazine aimed at young people in Russia and Eastern Europe. It covers many topics.

Resources in English

Citizen X BBC Schools: Valuable materials on the theme of citizenship. The International Citizen section explores global issues and has online quizzes and links.

Free the Children: This site brings together many children's issues and offers 101 useful fund-raising ideas, helpful notes on several child issues, plus links.

Global Citizenship: Many resources and ideas from Oxfam

Global Eye: Useful background resource. An English language site, supported by the Royal Geographical Society, for promoting the understanding of development issues. Back issues are available online.

Global Gang: This is a very engaging site for developing awareness of poverty and other issues in the developing world.

Gorta: This Irish charity runs a Schools Corner on its website where it offers simple, short, clear notes on key global issues. Gorta is Gaelic for "hunger."

Global Arcade: Globalisation issues are dealt with in a family fun centre with arcade games.

Global Dimension: A useful database to find resources, some in dual language books, which you can use to introduce global dimension issues into the modern languages classroom. Supported by the **Dept for International Development: DFID**

Global Education: An Australian site with background information on many issues, and offers case studies, teaching tools and secondary and primary materials.

Japan21: A UK charity offering resources and support for educational activities related to Japan and Japanese life.

Learning World: A magazine available online covering many issues related to the international dimension, including the use of ICT in teaching and learning.

MyEurope: A web-based project to develop awareness of what it is to be a young citizen of contemporary Europe. Over 3000 schools are involved in the network. Resources on citizenship and culture, case studies, partner finding and projects.

Tide (Teachers in Development Education): Projects and resources from the West Midlands Coalition.

World Bank 4Kids: Many issues are dealt with here at an appropriate level.

Where to look

Aboriginal Planet: www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/aboriginalplanet

CyberSchoolBus UN: <http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/index.asp>

Eine Welte Info: www.eine-welt-info.de/themen/themen.armut/

EuropaGO: <http://europa.eu.int/europago/index.htm>

Goethe Institut: www.goethe.de/enindex.htm

Lingu@net Europa: www.linguanet-europa.org/y2

MicroMadrid: www.micromadrid.es

Place Publique: www.place-publique.fr

PrimLangues: www.primlangues.education.fr

Science Across the World: www.scienceacross.org

Terre des Femmes: www.frauenrechte.de
Unicef Voices of Youth: www.unicef.org/voy/
Vitamin.de: www.vitaminde.de
Citizen X BBC Schools: www.bbc.co.uk/schools/citizenx
Free the Children: www.freethechildren.org
Global Citizenship: www.oxfam.org.uk/education
Global Eye: www.globaleye.org.uk
Global Gang: www.globalgang.org.uk
Gorta: www.gorta.ie
Global Arcade: www.globalarcade.org
Global Dimension: www.globaldimension.org.uk
DfID: www.dfid.gov.uk
Global Education: www.globaleducation.edna.edu.au
Japan 21: www.japan21.org.uk
Learning World: www.britishcouncil.org/learning-world.htm
My Europe: <http://myeurope.eun.org/ww/en/pub/myeurope/home.htm>
TIDE: www.tidec.org
World Bank 4 Kids: <http://youthink.worldbank.org/4kids/>