

# Linking to Global Issues

## National Sustainable Schools Conference Workshops

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<b>Conference:</b>	London, 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2009
<b>Name of workshop:</b>	<b>Linking global issues to sustainable schools</b>
<b>Workshop description:</b>	
<p>Sustainable schools must create an awareness in young people of global interdependence. The workshop will be based on activities and materials looking at the global dimension and global citizenship in the classroom including the eight key concepts underlying the Global Dimension. The session will also look at the challenges and opportunities which global linking presents. We all want to make a difference. We want to help create a more just and sustainable world, but without careful thought and consideration we can further disadvantage the communities with which we link and take the focus away from their concerns to answer 'our needs'.</p>	
<b>Conference themes which the workshop covered:</b>	
Linking global issues to sustainable schools and Linking to the Community	
<b>Workshop audience:</b>	
Anyone interested in bringing local and global issues into the classroom	
<b>Workshop format:</b>	
Interactive participatory session with opportunities for discussion	
<b>Workshop outputs:</b>	
<p>First session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Global thinking needs serious thought</li> <li>2. Global learning for teachers needs to be improved to include socially critical thinking and self reflection about values and assumptions</li> <li>3. Linkage through 8 key concepts with learning about natural world/biodiversity</li> </ol> <p>Second session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Responsible Linking; thinking it through, the whys? Who benefits? Is it a shared experience?</li> <li>2. Possibility of linking more locally</li> <li>3. Broader awareness of introducing &amp; leading sustainability</li> </ol>	

**Related Resources:**

London\_SEED PowerPoint Presentation

**Related Web Resources:**

The Global Dimension is now a cross-cutting theme in the secondary curriculum:

<http://curriculum.qca.org.uk/key-stages-3-and-4/cross-curriculum-dimensions/globaldimension/index.aspx>

The Global Dimension website offers resources and training to teach pupils about global issues:

<http://www.globaldimension.org.uk/>

The new primary curriculum also offers many opportunities to engage in global learning. The Council for Subject Associations offers a useful Primary Project Box:

<http://www.subjectassociation.org.uk/index.php?page=31>

DEA promotes education for a just and sustainable world, and has resources and advice on global learning on its website: <http://www.dea.org.uk/>

There is a national network of Development Education Centres, which offer advice and CPD on teaching about global issues: <http://www.dea.org.uk/members/decs.asp>

Oxfam has a website resource to support education for global citizenship:

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/teachersupport/>