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YHGSA's Global Steps Grant

What is the YHGSA grant and who is it for ?

Global issues are with us everyday in the papers we read, the clothes we wear, the tea we drink and the chocolate we eat. Their importance is reflected in a gradual increase in coverage on our TV screens - the latest bombing in Iraq; HIV- Aids in Africa; poverty in Zimbabwe; child labour in Brazil; the threat of global warming. Children are also increasingly exposed to global issues and events. So how can

they make sense of them ?

Young people need to have the skills and understanding to make sensible choices in our complex, ever-globalising world. Opportunities to support them exist in the curriculum. But, not all schools have the time or resources to make the most of the opportunities.

Global Steps is a grant for schools who want to improve their delivery of Development Issues or 'the Global Dimension in the curriculum'.

The grant was set up on the recommendation of teachers during a series of consultative forums run by the Regional Association. It is intended to help schools who would like to do more, particularly in addressing issues of poverty and social justice.

There are three key elements that schools receiving the award must address.

These are:

Wednesday 15 March

Inclusion, Diversity and Race Equality

An introduction to using resources in the YHGSA inspection boxes effectively in the classroom and in whole school development. This will include:

- linking the key concepts of the global dimension to race equality
- exploring school ethos and practice in achieving race equality sampling a carousel of activities
- how to access the YHGSA resources through the website and database or local resource centre

Development of a Whole school Policy;

Development of one or more curriculum areas;

Raising awareness of development issues.

The grant available this year, is **£600** and schools receiving it are entitled to support and training from the YHGSA to help them deliver it. You will also receive funding for supply cover to attend two meetings of the **Curriculum Development Exchange**.

A number of schools have now received the grant.

For more details about the grant and how it works, please contact:

Adam Ranson

by email: adam@leedsdec.org.uk

Or by phone: 0113 380 5660

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 28 February 2006

An Introduction to the Global Dimension in Education for Early Years and KS1 (Full day)

Target audience: Those working with Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils

Venue: Burngreave Community Action, Sheffield

Cost: The course is free

Contact: Rob Unwin on 0114 2412754 or email rob.unwin@decsy.org.uk

Target audience: Headteachers, teachers, classroom assistants & Governors, from across the region

Venue: Sheffield

Time: 1.00 – 4.00 PM

Cost: The course is free

Contact: Helen Griffin on 0114 2412750 or email helen.griffin@decsy.org.uk

An Introduction to the Global Dimension

There are a number of twilight courses taking place in venues across the region.

Forthcoming Events Continued

Target audience: Headteachers, teachers, classroom assistants & Governors, for all phases

Sample course:

Venue: North Lincolnshire

Date: Tuesday 23 May

If you are interested in attending one of these courses please contact Celia Robbins (celia@robbins84a.fsnet.co.uk) and she will give you further details of venues and dates

Tuesday 23 May

Is food costing the Earth?

Target audience: Primary (KS2) teachers

Time: 1.30 – 3.30 PM

Venue: Wakefield or Rotherham

Cost: The course is free

Contact: Rob Unwin on 0114 2412750 or email rob.unwin@decsy.org.uk

Friday 30 June

An introduction to North-South School Partnerships

Target audience: teachers from all phases

Time: 9.45 – 3.00 PM

Venue: York St John University College, York

Cost: The course is free

Contact: Chrissie Dell on 01904 716755 or email c.dell@yorks.ac.uk

Creating cultural cohesion in the Primary classroom

This course brings together anti-racism and development education approaches, providing teachers with strategies to support children in knowing who they are personally, in their community and how they relate to other communities locally and globally.

Time: Half day

Date: In the Summer Term – to be confirmed

Venue: Leeds or Wakefield

Cost: The course is free

Contact:

Trish Sandbach on 0113 3805661 or email trish@leedsdec.org.uk

Summer term 2006

A global curriculum for Secondary Schools

The Global schools project ran for 3 years with five secondary schools in West Yorkshire. A guidance document for all areas of the curriculum has been written and the tools developed provide a step-by-step approach whose genesis is rooted in classroom practice.

Target audience: Secondary teachers, curriculum deputies & Governors from across the region

Time: Half day workshop

Venue: To be confirmed

Cost: the course is free

Contact: Adam Ranson or Alison Huntley on 0113 3805660 or email adam@leedsdec.org.uk

A date for your diary

YHGS Annual Conference is to be held in York on Friday 13th October 2006
Further details will follow shortly.

Feedback Form

Become a member of the Yorkshire and Humber Global Schools Association. Membership is free. If you are interested in the future work of the Association, please complete this form and post it to: Ray Kirtley, YHGS, 27 Salmon Grove, University Of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX.

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Signed _____

Date _____

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