

One world in one classroom

A guide to Liverpool World Centre services





Philosophy for Children in action

Liverpool World Centre Ethos



Liverpool World Centre exists to:

- Empower young people to advocate for a safer, more sustainable and fairer world
- Promote the health and wellbeing of young people through active participation and peer education
- Work with schools and their communities to embed global education into everyday life in a fun and enjoyable way
- Promote school achievement across the North West Global Education Network, the national network of Development Education Centres and the Development Education Association

“All the heads of year were really impressed with the unique way you presented the issue at hand and were particularly pleased with the way you both interacted with the kids”

Member of staff, Broadgreen International School



What does Liverpool World Centre Do?

Liverpool World Centre was founded in September 2000 to make world issues relevant to the lives of young people in Merseyside. School is a crucial part of a young person's life, so Liverpool World Centre works with children, parents and teachers to facilitate understanding of global issues and promote social change using topics such as Fairtrade, Climate Change and Sustainable Development to encourage active global citizenship.

Liverpool World Centre helps young people explore diversity, culture and identity with each other and those in the wider world, enabling them to become more self-confident, and more engaged in their individual learning. Liverpool World Centre also helps improve community cohesion by bringing together young people with members of their community to explore social justice and sustainability issues at a local and global level.



Participants of the Fair Trade Schools' project

“The whole community has learnt to understand us”

Quote from young person during a schools workshop session



Great Lakes workshop

Liverpool World Centre Nationally



Liverpool World Centre is a member of the national network of global education providers and is affiliated to the Development Education Association (DEA), which leads a cross-Government departmental Global Dimension Working Group to raise the profile of global education in the UK. DEA has published guidance with QCA on many aspects of global education including "Developing the Global Dimension in the School Curriculum".

Liverpool World Centre is also a key member of the regional Global Education Network (NWGEN). NWGEN is one of 11 regional programmes funded by government to assist teachers in meeting the challenge of educating children in the 21st Century. It does this by using global case studies to increase pupil knowledge and understanding, and allows pupils to reflect on attitudes towards globalisation.

Liverpool World Centre is one of over 50 Development Education Centres nationally delivering support, training and advice on the global dimension to schools and local authorities.

“Wow! I had never thought of that obvious link between pupils’ voice and fair trade and social justice issues.”

Cumbria Fair Trade Network leader comment on Liverpool World Centre Fair Trade Schools’ Project



Liverpool World Centre Regionally

Since September 2000 Liverpool World Centre has:

- Assisted more than 200 schools to embed the Global Dimension into their schemes of work by coordinating the government's Enabling Effective Support initiative
- Educated more than 4000 pupils and 300 teaching staff on global issues such as Fairtrade, climate change, migration and integration and sustainable development
- Established a "Sustainable Schools" network in Merseyside involving more than 100 schools and organisations who continue to share best practice and receive support from local voluntary and statutory organisations
- Raised the profile and led the task of embedding of the Global Dimension in the Hope University Initial Teacher Education training programme
- Developed partnerships with Liverpool City Council and Knowsley MBC to deliver global and environmental education in the classroom
- Supported artists, such as All Things Latin and AfroGraph, to compliment subject delivery, Sustainable Schools and events like Black History month

"We are bored of talking about school uniforms and the litter bins."
School Council Member



*Liverpool World Centre
conference for teachers at
Hope University, June 2009*



Pupil participation is the cornerstone of Liverpool World Centre's work

Liverpool World Centre Aspirations



Liverpool World Centre will use our strength of working with young people to reach out to other members of the community - mums, dads, grandparents, and friends. This intergenerational work will be the next level of development for the organisation.

Liverpool World Centre will advocate for world issues to be included in local authority provision for young people. We will promote the skills, learning and attitudes that a global education can bring, and strive to take global issues to the place of young people. In doing so, Liverpool World Centre seeks to make clear the links between global issues and Community Cohesion and the school curriculum.

Liverpool World Centre will increase the number of young active global citizens in Merseyside through developing and implementing innovative and stimulating projects and partnerships that are able to readily adapt to the ever-changing World around us.

“The group came together as individuals with different attitudes and agendas, but overcame these barriers to work together, and listen and learn from each other.”

Teacher from Phoenix Primary after Philosophy for Children classroom session



What Liverpool World Centre can offer schools

Develop: Global Dimension, Community Cohesion
Sustainable Schools, and Eco Schools

Apply: SEAL and PLTS

Interactive Sessions with Young People

We use participatory methodologies such as the expressive arts, drama, music and storytelling to stimulate young people's learning and encourage active debate on global issues.

Cost: £200 per half day class session
£350 per full day class session

Training the Trainer sessions with teaching staff

Practical training for staff on the Global Dimension and Sustainable Schools, to accompany International and Eco School work programme. Plus specific skills programmes such as Philosophy for Children and Open Space for Dialogue and Enquiry.

Cost: £60 per person half day
£120 per person full day

Resource Hub

As a member of the Liverpool World Centre, your school can use the Resource Hub, and borrow books, materials and other resources to help educate young people about issues such as Fair Trade, Climate Change, Sustainability and Global Conflict.

Cost: £45 Primary per year
£50 Secondary per year

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Training Diary—Autumn Term 2009



Philosophy for Children—Accredited Level 1

Date: 21-22 October

Time: 9a.m. — 4p.m.

Venue: Leigh

Environmental Education Centre Hope Carr Barn, Leigh WN7 3XB

A renovated barn with fountain in sensory garden, this centre is ideal for the P4C course.

Philosophy for Children—Accredited Level 1

Date: 18-19 November

Time: 9a.m. — 4p.m.

Venue: Liverpool Hope University, L16 9JD

This new conference centre has gardens, and rooms with natural light.

Thinking of Linking - Step by step guide to setting up a link

Date: 25 November

Time: 9a.m. — 4p.m.

Venue: Gateway Conference Centre, L3

For those schools ready to set up links, but just need walking through the process.

Liverpool World Centre's office is based at Toxteth TV.