

Focus on... Teachers International Professional Development

During the October half-term Angela Joinson led Oxfordshire teachers Anna Poole, Ricky Emms, Paul Thomas, Nick Culley and Emma Cuthill to Michigan, USA to look at Maths and ICT. In November and December we received visitors from both the USA and Japan. Why? All of these colleagues were engaged in Teachers International Professional Development.

Whether it is a Study Visit or TIPD Visit (Teachers International Professional Development) or funded from other sources, it all amounts to Action Research. Having the opportunity to carry out research in another country on a particular theme is a privilege and often rejuvenates and invigorates teachers. The visits are funded which means that your international CPD experience comes at no extra cost to your school.

Here in Oxford we have managed to secure extra places for these types of visits and are currently recruiting participants for the visits listed below.

If you would like to find out more about one of these visits, please contact us.



"I have taken a huge amount away from this experience personally and professionally."

Anna Poole

News & Opportunities – Please contact us for more information on any of these articles

- **TIPD Visit: Vocational Education & Alternative Teaching (secondary), Budapest, Hungary, 4-11 April**
- **Study Visit: Cultural Diversity & Migrants (primary), Toronto, Canada, 4-11 April**
- **Study Visit: Multiculturalism (primary & secondary), St Petersburg, Russia, 4-11 April**
- **Study Visit: Creativity in the Curriculum (primary), Riga, Latvia, 4-11 April**
- **Study Visit: SEN & Inclusion (primary & secondary), Tallinn, Estonia 4-11 April**
*To sign up for the above funded Action Research opportunities, please contact the OIEB.
Applicants must have not undertaken a similar visit in the last two years. Not available to NQTs.
Funding covers: flights, overseas transfers, Accommodation inc breakfast on a twin share-basis.*
- **British Council Comenius: Grant Preparation Surgeries, London 15 & 22 January.** Surgeries on an individual basis to support you in completing your Comenius Grant Applications. Take your application along to the surgery session and receive advice and guidance on quality and eligibility criteria. FREE
- **British Council Reciprocal Visit: Grant Preparation Seminar, Reading 29 January & London 5 February.** Grants are available between schools in the UK and schools in eligible Southern countries. The seminars aim to help you plan your application for Reciprocal Visit Funding. The seminars run from 10am to 3pm & lunch is provided. FREE
- **Creative professional development for teachers: Teaching Global Citizenship through Art and Design, Reading 22nd January 2009 4pm – 6pm** Exploring the work of Nnenna Okore, the workshop will cover Global Citizenship themes of sustainability (looking at the global impact of deforestation) and diversity, with an introduction to Nigeria. This is a practical workshop, and we will also be discussing how teachers can link Nnenna's work to Global Citizenship in the classroom. FREE
- **Europa Conference, 12 June, The European School, Culham.** A one day conference & exhibition covering a range of European issues – More details will follow in subsequent newsletters. For a programme, please contact us at OIEB.

Comenius

Funding for European School Projects

- **The next deadline for Comenius Application is 21 February 2009** for projects commencing Sept 09.
- **Comenius Preparation Course, Didcot Civic Centre, Friday 16 February:** A one day course to help you prepare applications for Comenius Funding.

Global School Projects

Funding for Global School Linking Projects

- **The next deadline for School Linking Visit Applications is 6 February 2009.**
- **School Linking Twilight Workshop Tuesday 20 January, 4.30, CRC** – Come and find partners and get information about grants to visit your partner schools.
- **Reciprocal Visits Twilight Workshop Wednesday 4 February, 4.30, CRC** – Information on funding for a teacher exchange with a partner school in the South
- **GSP Curriculum Grant Twilight Workshop Thursday 5 February, 4.30, CRC** – Long term funding for projects with partners in the South.

TIPD

Teachers International Professional Development.

- Oxfordshire International Education Bureau would like to invite requests from Headteachers who would like to run an **Overseas Study Visit** for their school or a group of schools. Proposed participants should not have been on a visit within the last two years.

International School Award

Recognition for work in International Education

- The International School Award isn't just about recognising your work, It is also a useful framework to develop International Education. Find out more about the International School Award at www.globalgateway.org.uk