

Focus on... The new shape of the OIEB

Over the last year we have managed to rationalise the work of the OIEB. We still intend to offer you the best value for your subscription fee, but also make opportunities available to schools that don't subscribe.

International Activity & Opportunities have been drawn into three courses. The aim is to devote more time to developing projects in order that we increase the number of successful grant applications and build on an already strong pool of expertise in Oxfordshire. Please make sure you have a copy of the **OIEB Member Services Booklet** which details all of the courses and dates for this year.

Reporting on Last Year.

The number of successful Comenius Applications (multi-lateral European Projects) rose by 20%.

The number of TIPD Visits increased by 140%.

We hope to build on the successes of last year and are confident that together we can!

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

- **TIPD Study Visit: Community Cohesion (Secondary), New York, USA, 23 - 30 October 2009**
- **TIPD Study Visit: Cultural Diversity (Primary), Toronto, Canada, 23 - 30 October 2009**
*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.*
- **School Linking Projects for Partnerships or Clusters: Connecting Classrooms**
There are currently numerous opportunities for school cluster linking projects across the globe. For any clusters of schools that aren't currently involved in a curriculum project with a school in the south and are ready to get started there are immediate linking opportunities and contact seminars available for linking with **Near East** and **North Africa**, the **Middle East**, **Latin America** and the **Caribbean**. If you are interested in a cluster link and feel that this would contribute to community cohesion as well as develop the international dimension, please contact: nick.peters@oxfordshire.gov.uk
- **DFID Global School Partnerships: British Council Grant Preparation Seminars: 30th September & 1st October London, 5th October Leicester, £FREE.** To help schools who wish to apply for a grant, particularly those schools that have previously submitted unsuccessful applications, the British Council are once again running a series of Grant Preparation Seminars around the UK. We will be covering application procedures for both the Reciprocal Visit and Global Curriculum Project grant.
- **The Link2Learn Awards 2009**
To celebrate excellence and innovation in international school partnerships, the British Council, supported by HSBC Global Education Trust, is again holding the **Link2Learn Awards**. Entrants are required to submit a series of brief descriptions of their international school partnership work, as evidence of the impact and enrichment of the international dimensions of the teaching and learning in their school or local authority.
There are prizes of up to **£5000** each for primary, secondary and special schools, the runners up in these 3 categories win **£1500**.
The **deadline** for receipt of entries for this year's awards is **Friday 17 September 2009**.
Please note: The application is purely online, there is no need to gather or send additional pieces of evidence. You only need to refer to evidence within the text that you submit online. Please visit www.globalgateway.org and follow the links to the International School Award Link2Learn.

Comenius Course

School Linking Projects in Europe

The Comenius Project Course and Global School Projects Course run by the OIEB aims to support you through the whole process: from partner finding, through forming a project and applying for funding, to making the most of your project and supporting you with reporting and dissemination. All while your project takes shape and gets off the ground! Please see the **OIEB Member Service Booklet** for course details and dates.

Global School Projects Course

School Linking Projects with Developing Countries

International Co-ordinator Course

Empowering, Sustainable & Raising Standards

The Co-ordinator Training Course run by the OIEB aims to develop teachers and school leaders in order that they are conversant with a wide range of funding opportunities and a developed understanding of enhancing the international dimension through curriculum support, international curriculum projects and Teachers International Professional Development. The course covers all aspects of subject management and is open to experienced co-ordinators of schools eager to use International Education to not only enrich the curriculum but to raise standards. Please see the **OIEB Member Service Booklet** for course details and dates.

Please see OIEB Member Services booklet for full details of all courses for 2009/10