

Developing Confident Global Learning Communities

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Background to project:

Three Countries – Wales/Latvia/Spain LAs + NGO
(Cyfanfyd)

Addresses 5 Millennium Development Goals(MDGs):-

- Poverty
- Education
- Gender Equality
- Sustainable Development
- Global Partnerships

Three years – April 2013 – March 2016



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Aims of project:

- Improve awareness of students' understanding of local and global issues
- Develop students' confidence as global citizens
- Teachers to work as Professional Learning Communities
- Work with teachers to develop their confidence to use local and global development in their everyday teaching
- Ability of teachers to dispel stereotypes and prejudices of other cultures
- Involve the local community and increase schools' capacity to work with local community.



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Outputs of project:

For pupils

- skills development (EU competences and IN NPT reflect our LNF and wider skills frameworks)
- Greater confidence in critical analysis of local development issues and global issues

For Teachers

- Professional toolkit of resources and embedding these themes into more areas of the curriculum

Local Communities

- Increase in links between schools and local communities



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Challenges to running a DEAR funded project at LA level:

- **Concept of 'Development Education'**
- **Engagement of teachers**
- **and education needs of teachers/capacity to influence**
- **Towns versus rural communities - local to global**
- **Changes to Education priorities/policy**
- **Pressure from LA reorganisation in Wales**
- **Pressure of financial cuts at LA level imposed by Welsh Government – impact post 2008-2009**
- **Fluctuations in Euro!!!**



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Opportunities

- Knowledge of schools by LA
- Knowledge of Education Policy and delivery methods
- Access to LA senior staff, Government bodies and Inspection Services
- New curriculum in Wales - Successful Futures(3-14)/Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification Global Citizenship/Community challenges (14-19)

