



## *Supporting the International Perspective in your school*

### Who we are

UNESCO Associated Schools in the UK is part of a global network of schools promoting quality education. The UK network supports the integration of international perspectives in schools and promotes the values of UNESCO, including peace, tolerance, human rights, cultural diversity and sustainable development. We work to better prepare UK children and young people for the challenges of an increasingly complex and interdependent world.

**All members are encouraged to undertake projects and activities related to four study themes:**

1. The UN system and World Concerns
2. Education for Sustainable Development
3. Peace and Human Rights
4. Intercultural Learning

**The pupils' awareness of other cultures and societies is greatly enhanced by the school's UNESCO designation.**

OFSTED report for St Mary's Church of England School in Bridport, Dorset

### Why Join?

- Be part of a global network of schools directly linked with the UN system
- Participate in seminars and conferences in the UK and internationally
- Diploma signed by the UNESCO Director General to display in your school
- Receive teaching materials on the UN system and global issues
- Regular newsletters with updates on resources and activities
- Access materials developed by various UN organisations
- Take part in 10 international flagship projects on themes such as Trans-Atlantic Slavery, intercultural dialogue, sustainable development and world heritage
- Access to expert speakers on UN issues

**Since becoming part of UNESCO Associated Schools we have been more conscious of every opportunity to help children be more aware of other societies and cultures.**

Teacher, South West England





The project helped us understand how serious the problem of child labour is. We are lucky to be able to go to school.

Student, Mandeville Upper School

## Who's Involved

UNESCO Associated Schools was established by UNESCO in 1953 and is currently active in 180 countries. UNESCO Associated Schools in the UK was re-established in 2005. The membership body includes primary and secondary schools across the UK.

## Our Partners

The UK network has established partnerships with a wide range of organisations, including United Nations Association UK (UNA-UK), Anti-Slavery International, British Council and the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site.



Our partnership with Zanzibar has enhanced the global dimension in subjects across the curriculum. This is real life global Citizenship.

Teacher, Wales / Zanzibar partnership



## How to Apply

It is easy to join UNESCO Associated Schools in the UK. Simply complete the application form available at [www.unesco.org.uk](http://www.unesco.org.uk), outlining how the values of UNESCO will be integrated within the curriculum at your school and how you are planning to take forward one or more of the four UNESCO study themes. Schools are encouraged to use their students' own environment, concerns and aspiration to guide project plans. Please contact the National Coordinator for further information about membership.

## UK National Coordinator

The UK National Coordinator for UNESCO Associated Schools is based at the UK National Commission for UNESCO. Please contact Anne Breivik for further information at [abreivik@unesco.org.uk](mailto:abreivik@unesco.org.uk) or 020 7766 4360.