

Global Learning Programme (GLP)

Devon Development Education (DDE) can offer CPD training to assist with this project, funded by the government's 'Global Learning Programme'.

www.globaldimension.org.uk/glp

This will provide you with £500 of e-credits. To access this, you need to:

- Register your school on the GLP website
- Carry out the audit about global learning in your school and obtain an Action Plan, to carry out.

Once you have completed these 2 steps, you can access the e-credits. DDE is a provider of CPD courses. (You can also be involved in the GLP through a hub school or expert centre.)



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Food for Thought's aims

Agriculture is the backbone of Uganda's economy. Over 80% are farmers. Young people in rural communities have little choice but to work the land on leaving primary school. Food for Thought was established in 2001 and now works with 46 rural primary schools in 2 districts of Uganda – Mubende and Tororo. FFT teaches them skills to be successful sustainable farmers as well as providing a 'window on the world' through links with schools in the UK.

Food for Thought has also enabled classrooms, teachers' housing, a special needs unit, water tanks and latrines (with washing areas for senior girls), to be built in some schools.

FFT has initiated a 'Lead Teachers' programme with identified teachers acting as focal points for school-based professional development. 'Talk Maths' has been introduced, which aims to improve teaching and learning of Mathematics.

For young people who have left school but are still keen to learn more about sustainable agriculture, a new FFT Young Farmers' Network has been established. FFT would like to start training in bee-keeping, if funding can be found.

In Uganda, Key Farmer Trainers, trained by Kulika (Uganda) work with pupils and teachers in the school gardens. This work is vital. Without good food-growing skills, these rural young people face an uncertain future.

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School Gardens Link-Up Project



A one-year gardening project between schools in Devon and Uganda - in conjunction with Growing Devon Schools Partnership (GDSP). Would you like your school to be involved?

Food For Thought is a programme of Devon Development Education (DDE) and Kulika (Uganda)

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Food for Thought School Gardens Link-Up Project

Do you have a school garden, growing fruit, vegetables and other crops? Would you and your pupils enjoy sharing the successes and challenges of your school garden with a rural school in Uganda? Then this FFT Link-Up Project could be for you!

Background:

DDE set up the Food For Thought School Linking Programme with Kulika (Uganda) (www.kulika.org). It has been operating since 2001. Now there are 46 very rural primary schools in Tororo and Mubende Districts in the programme, all with food-growing school gardens, using sustainable organic agricultural methods. BUT, almost 50% of them have never had the opportunity of a link with a British school and they are very keen to have that chance, even if only for one year. Such a link provides a real 'window on the world' for schools in both countries!

To join this FFT School Gardens Link-Up Project, or to find out more, contact Sue Errington on 01392 438811 or by email at dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk

“Linking the schools between Devon and Uganda has undoubtedly brought a cultural awareness to many children in both countries and it has enabled them to understand the importance of growing food using sustainable farming methods”
Alison Derrick, B.Ed, MAEd, 'Evaluation Report of FFT Programme in Devon', July 2007

The details:

- This project lasts 3 terms (ie one year).
- Your school will be linked with a named school in either Tororo or Mubende District of Uganda.
- The project is co-ordinated by staff of Devon Development Education (Food for Thought is one of their programmes) in UK and FFT staff in Uganda.
- There is a £50 registration charge to ensure your school is fully committed to the link for 1 year, and so avoid disappointing the Ugandan school.

Minimum requirements from both schools:

1. Contact between schools at least once a month, by email, texting, post or by the hand of someone travelling between the two countries.
2. Exchange of information about the school gardens, to include:
 - An outline map or plan of the growing areas, including school buildings.
 - Your plans for planting, with names of crops, timetable for planting, weeding, harvesting etc.

- An explanation of how the work will be managed, eg which classes will grow which crops.
 - Methods to be used, eg creating nursery beds for seedlings; using a greenhouse or polytunnel; making and using compost, natural fertilisers and pesticides.
3. Take part in the annual FFT School Gardening Competition.

Further options – there are many including:

1. Join the FFT School Linking Programme, which has a focus on sustainable organic food growing. FFT also seeks to embed this food growing work in the school's curriculum. Details on our website, www.globalcentredevon.org.uk/food-for-thought. We ask schools to sign up for 3 years in total, and for UK schools to contribute £100 a term.
2. Exchange information, photos, stories, everyday objects about schools, children, families, living in UK and Uganda - as schools do when part of a school partnership.
3. As a formal school link, apply for a British Council 'Connecting Classrooms' grant for a reciprocal visit by a British teacher to Uganda and a Ugandan teacher to UK.

