



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN THE CLASSROOM

A guide for teachers



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“EDUCATION IS THE MOST
POWERFUL WEAPON YOU CAN
USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD.”

Nelson Mandela

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THE GLOBAL CLASSROOM

Given the interconnected and interdependent nature of our world, the global is not ‘out there’. Our links to people and places on every continent means the global is part of our everyday lives:

- Socially and culturally through the media and telecommunications, and through travel and migration.
- Economically through trade and international finance.
- Environmentally through sharing one planet.
- Politically through international relations and systems of regulation.

The opportunities our fast-changing ‘globalised’ world offers young people are enormous. But so too are the challenges. Even very young children are already trying to make sense of a world marked by division, conflict, environmental change, and extreme inequality and poverty. Oxfam believes that learners are entitled to an education that equips them with the knowledge, skills and values they need to embrace the opportunities and challenges they encounter and to create the kind of world that they want to live in. We call this ‘education for global citizenship’.

By definition, global citizenship involves engaging with distant places and different cultures, but this is never undertaken in isolation from our own lives and communities. The focus is rather on exploring what links us to other people, places and cultures, the nature and equality of those relationships, and how we can learn from, as well as about, those people, places and cultures.

“I HAVE LEARNT FROM THIS SCHOOL THAT YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE NO MATTER HOW SMALL YOU THINK YOU ARE. EVERYTHING YOU DO HAS AN IMPACT: SOMETIMES GOOD, SOMETIMES BAD.”

Learner from Bootham School

A practical and reflective guide

At Oxfam, we know that many teachers aspire to provide such an education but, given the complexity of the issues and all the other challenges that teachers face, it can be difficult to work out where to start in translating these aspirations into everyday classroom practice. This guide aims to give you pointers and some very practical ideas to help you on your way.

We also recognise that we are all on an ongoing journey in our understanding of global citizenship and its implications for our professional practice. The guide therefore includes some reflection points which can be used individually or with colleagues to deepen your thinking and classroom practice.

“I ENJOY LEARNING ABOUT HOW PEOPLE ARE SO BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS TO STAND UP FOR THEIR OWN RIGHTS WHEN EVERYONE ELSE DENIED THEM. I FOUND THAT BRAVE AND QUITE COOL ACTUALLY.”

Learner from Rhodes Avenue Primary School

THE GLOBAL CITIZEN

Oxfam sees the global citizen as someone who:

- Is aware of the wider world and has a sense of their own role as a world citizen.
- Respects and values diversity.
- Has an understanding of how the world works.
- Is passionately committed to social justice.
- Participates in the community at a range of levels, from the local to the global.
- Works with others to make the world a more equitable and sustainable place.
- Takes responsibility for their actions.

REFLECT

- What do you see as the main purposes of education?
- There is a variety of views about the meaning of global citizenship. So how would you define a ‘global citizen’? How do your ideas compare with Oxfam’s (above)?
- What do you think are the most important attitudes and values, knowledge, understanding and skills that learners need in the world today? How might this vary in 20 years’ time? How do your ideas compare with the key elements on page 5?

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Oxfam has developed a Curriculum for Global Citizenship which outlines the knowledge, skills and values which we believe learners in the UK need in order to thrive as global citizens. The key elements are listed below. However, they are not set in stone – teachers and learners in different contexts may find that there are other areas of knowledge they would like to explore, other skills they need to acquire and other values they want to examine.

Education for global citizenship – key elements as defined by Oxfam

Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Values and attitudes
• Social justice and equity	• Critical and creative thinking	• Sense of identity and self-esteem
• Identity and diversity	• Empathy	• Commitment to social justice and equity
• Globalisation and interdependence	• Self-awareness and reflection	• Respect for people and human rights
• Sustainable development	• Communication	• Value diversity
• Peace and conflict	• Cooperation and conflict resolution	• Concern for the environment and commitment to sustainable development
• Human rights	• Ability to manage complexity and uncertainty	• Commitment to participation and inclusion
• Power and governance	• Informed and reflective action	• Belief that people can bring about change

Global citizenship involves...	It is not...
✓ asking questions and critical thinking	✗ telling people what to think and do
✓ exploring local-global connections and our views, values and assumptions	✗ only about far away places and peoples
✓ exploring the complexity of global issues and engaging with multiple perspectives	✗ providing simple solutions to complex issues
✓ exploring issues of social justice locally and globally	✗ focused on charitable fundraising
✓ applying learning to real-world issues and contexts	✗ abstract learning devoid of real-life application and outcomes
✓ opportunities for learners to take informed, reflective action and have their voices heard	✗ tokenistic inclusion of learners in decision-making
✓ all ages	✗ too difficult for young children to understand
✓ all areas of the curriculum	✗ an extra subject
✓ enrichment of everyday teaching and learning	✗ just a focus for a particular day or week
✓ the whole-school environment	✗ limited to the classroom

THE BIG IDEAS IN GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

You do not need to be an expert on every global issue to educate your students in global citizenship. Much more important is an ongoing willingness to grapple with what the following ‘big ideas’ mean in your classroom practice.

Globalisation and interdependence

We live in an interconnected world in which decisions taken in one place can affect people living on the other side of the planet. However, the idea of global interdependence goes further, recognising that even the wealthiest countries rely heavily on other countries’ riches – from physical commodities such as foodstuffs and minerals to knowledge and culture.

REFLECT

- In what ways are Martin Luther King’s words true for you? And for your learners?
- How have different cultures influenced the subjects you teach? How far is this recognised in the classroom?



“BEFORE YOU FINISH EATING BREAKFAST THIS MORNING, YOU’VE DEPENDED ON MORE THAN HALF THE WORLD.”

Martin Luther King

Social justice and equity

Central to global citizenship is the idea that all human beings belong to a single human race, share a common humanity and are of equal worth. Hence they should all have the same basic rights and be treated accordingly. Yet beliefs about the superiority of different groups, and about which groups ‘belong’ and which do not, continue to be expressed through words, behaviour and systems – and these may even be reflected sometimes (albeit often unintentionally) in the practices and curricula of schools.

REFLECT

- Where is the injustice in (a) the world; (b) your local community; (c) your school?
- How can the work of schools both reinforce and challenge social injustice?



“IF YOU ARE NEUTRAL IN SITUATIONS OF INJUSTICE, YOU HAVE CHOSEN THE SIDE OF THE OPPRESSOR. IF AN ELEPHANT HAS ITS FOOT ON THE TAIL OF A MOUSE AND YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE NEUTRAL, THE MOUSE WILL NOT APPRECIATE YOUR NEUTRALITY.”

Desmond Tutu

Identity and diversity

Human beings have the same basic needs but many different ways of meeting them. Differences in gender, culture, class, nationality, religion, ethnicity, language and status may all be significant in explaining these variations and in shaping identity. To thrive in such a diverse and fast-changing world, learners need to feel confident in their own identity; but they should also be open to engaging positively with other identities and cultures, and able to recognise and challenge stereotypes.

REFLECT

- What are the markers of an inclusive classroom?
- In your experience in schools so far, to what extent have the positive contributions of a wide range of cultures, societies and traditions been recognised?



“WE ALL LIVE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF BEING HAPPY; OUR LIVES ARE ALL DIFFERENT AND YET THE SAME.”

Anne Frank



Sustainable development

How we share and use the earth's resources affects the health of the planet and of everyone with whom we share it – now and in the future. There are many different interpretations of sustainable development, but at its heart lies a recognition that our relationship with the earth needs to acknowledge the limits of finite resources and the human rights of all.

REFLECT

- What does the idea of 'sustainability' mean to you?
- What are the marks of a 'sustainable school'?



"THERE IS ENOUGH IN THE WORLD FOR EVERYONE'S NEED, BUT NOT FOR EVERYONE'S GREED."

Mohandas Gandhi

Peace and conflict

In all communities – from the school to the international level – there are conflicts of interest and disagreements. As a result there is a continual need to develop rules, laws, customs and systems that all people accept as reasonable and fair. Issues of peace and conflict are thus inevitably bound up with questions of social justice, equity and rights.

REFLECT

- Is conflict necessarily bad? Should it always be resolved? Why/why not?
- How do you deal with conflict when it arises in the classroom?



"PEACE DOES NOT MEAN JUST PUTTING AN END TO VIOLENCE OR TO WAR, BUT TO ALL OTHER FACTORS THAT THREATEN PEACE, SUCH AS DISCRIMINATION, SUCH AS INEQUALITY, POVERTY."

Aung San Suu Kyi

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN CLASSROOM PRACTICE: A PLANNING FRAMEWORK

This framework is designed to help you build the key elements of global citizenship (as outlined on page 5) into units of work on wide range of topics, including those that appear obviously global and those that appear less so at first glance. See page 10 for a full explanation and example of how this can be applied.

ASKING QUESTIONS

See pages 12-13 for tools and activities



Effective participatory learning depends on the learners' freedom to ask questions. But asking questions is an important starting point for other reasons too:

- When learners generate their own questions, they attain greater ownership of their learning.
- Identifying key questions can provide the structure for investigating an issue.
- It is by asking questions that we begin any process of change; hence, effective questioning skills are a vital tool to enable people to make a difference.

REFLECT

Where, and in what ways, can you help learners to:

- Identify key questions to provide their own structure for investigating the issue at hand?
- Ask questions about how this learning relates to real life?
- Analyse critically, spot bias and evaluate arguments?

MAKING CONNECTIONS

See pages 14-15 for tools and activities



Global citizenship involves exploring at least five types of connection:

- Our common humanity – the connections we have with all other human beings in terms of our similarities and common needs.
- Our global interconnectedness – links we have to other people and places through trade, technology, migration, political systems, our shared environment and so on.
- Links between issues, for example, poverty and climate change.
- The parallels that many global issues have with matters in our immediate environment, for example, sharing of resources, or conflict, in the classroom.
- Links between current and previous learning and also to learning in other curriculum areas.

REFLECT

How can you provide more opportunities for learners to explore:

- The connections between different aspects of their learning in various areas of the curriculum?
- The parallels between global issues and classroom issues, for example, sharing of resources, attending to diverse opinions, conflict, working together and power relations?
- The interdependence of people and places through, for example, trade, technology, migration, political systems or our shared environment?
- Issues of power relations, inequity and social justice, both locally and globally?

“A GLOBAL CITIZEN IS SOMEBODY WHO CONTRIBUTES TO THE WIDER WORLD COMMUNITY. THEY DON'T JUST FOLLOW THE CROWD, THEY ARE THEIR OWN PERSON AND THEY WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BUT THEY KNOW THEY CAN'T DO IT ON THEIR OWN.”

Learner from Sir John Lawes School

EXPLORING VIEWPOINTS AND VALUES

See pages 16-17 for tools and activities



We all interpret the world around us through the lens of our own cultural background, values and experience. It therefore follows that there will be a range of perspectives on any given issue, and that we cannot achieve a full understanding of any issue without exploring all perspectives. To do so involves developing:

- Awareness that our 'knowledge' often consists of just one (albeit possibly dominant) perspective.
- Self-awareness (ie. awareness of our own values and assumptions).
- Respect for diversity.
- Effective communication skills, including arguing a case and listening respectfully to others' viewpoints.

REFLECT

Consider where you can:

- Enhance learners' awareness of their own embedded and shifting values and assumptions.
- Challenge learners' current perspectives and value positions.
- Support the development of effective communication skills that allow learners to argue a case and listen respectfully to others' viewpoints.
- Encourage the valuing of diversity as well as building awareness and respect.

RESPONDING AS ACTIVE GLOBAL CITIZENS

See pages 18-19 for tools and activities



The essence of education for global citizenship is its commitment to enabling learners to bring about positive change. This requires:

- Knowledge to make informed choices.
- A desire to change things.
- Skills to do so.

Education for global citizenship does not involve telling people what they should do. Instead, it supports learners in making their own informed choices through critical evaluation of the options open to them and the possible implications of their choices.

REFLECT

Consider how and where you can provide opportunities for learners to:

- Make informed choices based on critical evaluation of the options open to them, and build the confidence and skills to act on these choices in their lives.
- Engage with issues of equity and social and environmental justice in a way that supports their ability to challenge those in power.
- Consider human rights and responsibilities, including how they exercise their own rights and responsibilities to others.

ASSESSING LEARNING

See pages 20-21 for tools and activities



A key part of the global citizenship learning cycle, assessing learning, involves reflecting on progress at a range of levels:

- What have we learned about ourselves, our communities, the wider world and specific issues?
- What have we learned about participating in and bringing about change, and what might we do differently next time?
- What skills have we developed? Were there skills that we realised we would like to develop further?
- What have we learned about the process of learning?

REFLECT

Consider how learners might be given more opportunities to:

- Reflect on previous learning in this area and address gaps in their learning.
- Address the questions identified above.

DEVELOPING GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN YOUR CLASSROOM PRACTICE

The planning framework on pages 8-9 can help you develop global citizenship through the teaching of almost any topic. Please note:

- The idea is not to rewrite every lesson that you teach, but simply to be aware of where you can make global connections.
- Sometimes you will be able to develop schemes of work which use all parts of the framework, while on other occasions you may use just one or two parts of it.
- The framework is cyclical rather than linear – any stage can be approached, developed or revisited at any point. Below is an example of how the framework could be applied to the topic of water.

Assessing learning

Learning diaries kept by learners throughout the unit help them to evaluate their own learning and its impact on their attitudes to, and use of, water.

Asking questions

Use photos or other stimuli to raise questions, for example: What do we use water for? How does it get to us? What happens to the water we use? Who 'owns' water? Why do people lack access to clean water? What are the consequences of unclean water?

Responding as active global citizens

- Recognising the need to save water as a valuable resource.
- Carrying out water audits at home and school.
- Considering what can be done to use water sustainably and equitably.
- Engaging politicians around the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enable vulnerable countries and communities to adapt to climate change.
- Taking steps to reduce emissions at home and school.



Making connections

- Everyone has a right to clean water.
- Common water needs and uses worldwide.
- The water cycle as an example of global interdependence.
- Drought and flooding – their causes and impacts in different parts of the world and how they can be linked to what happens far away (for example, through climate change).
- Connections between water, health and poverty.

Exploring viewpoints and values

- How people meet basic needs in different ways.
- Differing views about wants and needs in different countries and within countries.
- The role of water in the lives of women and men, girls and boys, and how it features in unequal relationships between the sexes.
- Cultural and religious uses of and attitudes to water.
- Differing views on access to and 'ownership' of water (for example, whether Wales should have to share its water with England).

PARTICIPATION IN LEARNING AND DECISION-MAKING

To be effective global citizens, learners need to be flexible, creative and proactive. They need to be able to solve problems, make decisions, think critically, communicate ideas effectively and work well within teams and groups. These skills and attributes are increasingly recognised as being essential to succeed in other areas of 21st century life too, including many workplaces.

These skills and qualities cannot be developed without the use of active learning methods which involve learning by doing and collaborating with others. But there are other reasons for promoting pupil participation in the learning process and in decision-making:

- Everything we do in school sends out messages, so we need to exemplify the values we wish to promote. If we wish to affirm beliefs about the equality of all human beings and the importance of treating everyone fairly and with respect, we need to ensure that learning processes, and relationships between learners and teachers, reflect and reinforce these values.
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child affirms the right of children to have their opinions taken into account on matters that affect them.
- Research shows that in more democratic schools learners feel more in control of their learning, and the quality of teaching, learning and behaviour is better (see *Inspiring Schools: Impact and Outcomes: Taking up the Challenge of Pupil Participation*, Research Review for Carnegie Trust, 2006).

This does not mean that teachers have to develop new active learning experiences for every lesson. Neither does it mean doing away with clear boundaries – quite the opposite, in fact. The regular use of ‘circle time’ in many schools is a perfect illustration of both these points.

The role of the teacher

In a participatory classroom environment the role of the teacher is often that of facilitator, supporting learners as they learn to assess evidence, negotiate, make informed decisions, solve problems and work both independently and with others. In creating an active classroom environment, the role of the teacher and the teaching environment shifts:

From	To
Teacher-centred classroom	Learner-centred classroom
Product-centred learning	Process-centred learning
Teacher as a transmitter of knowledge	Teacher as an organiser of knowledge
Teacher as a ‘doer’ for learners	Teacher as an ‘enabler’
Subject-specific focus	Holistic learning focus

Source: *Active Learning and Teaching Methods for Key Stage 3* ©2007 The Partnership Management Board

The role of the learners

The active, participatory classroom should result in a shift in the role of learners, too:

From	To
Passive recipients of knowledge	Active and participatory learners
Answering questions	Asking questions
Being spoon-fed	Taking responsibility for their own learning
Competing with one another	Collaborating in their learning
Wanting to have their own say	Actively listening to the opinions of others
Learning individual subjects	Connecting their learning

Source: *Active Learning and Teaching Methods for Key Stage 3* ©2007 The Partnership Management Board

REFLECT

You and your learners will be at different stages of experience, confidence and skill-development in relation to active methodologies. This needs to be factored into the planning of lessons. Consider the following:

- What have been the group’s experiences of this type of learning before?
- Where have you employed learning strategies before in your teaching? What did you learn?
- How comfortable do you feel in this type of classroom?
- What further skills do you need? How might you develop them?

ASKING QUESTIONS

Guidelines

- Learners should be helped to recognise different kinds of question and think about their merits.
- Learners should be encouraged to examine their own assumptions. You can help them do this by continually asking them ‘Why?’ and ‘What do you mean by that?’
- You should also help learners to distinguish between factual questions and those whose answers will involve beliefs or opinions, whether ethical, moral, political or spiritual.

Images and artefacts are useful for stimulating learners’ questions.

Why-why-why chain

What is it?

This tool gets learners thinking beyond surface impressions to the underlying causes of any issue. It can be a highly effective way of linking the local to the global with little or no steering by the teacher, other than to keep asking questions beginning with the word ‘why’.

Classroom set-up

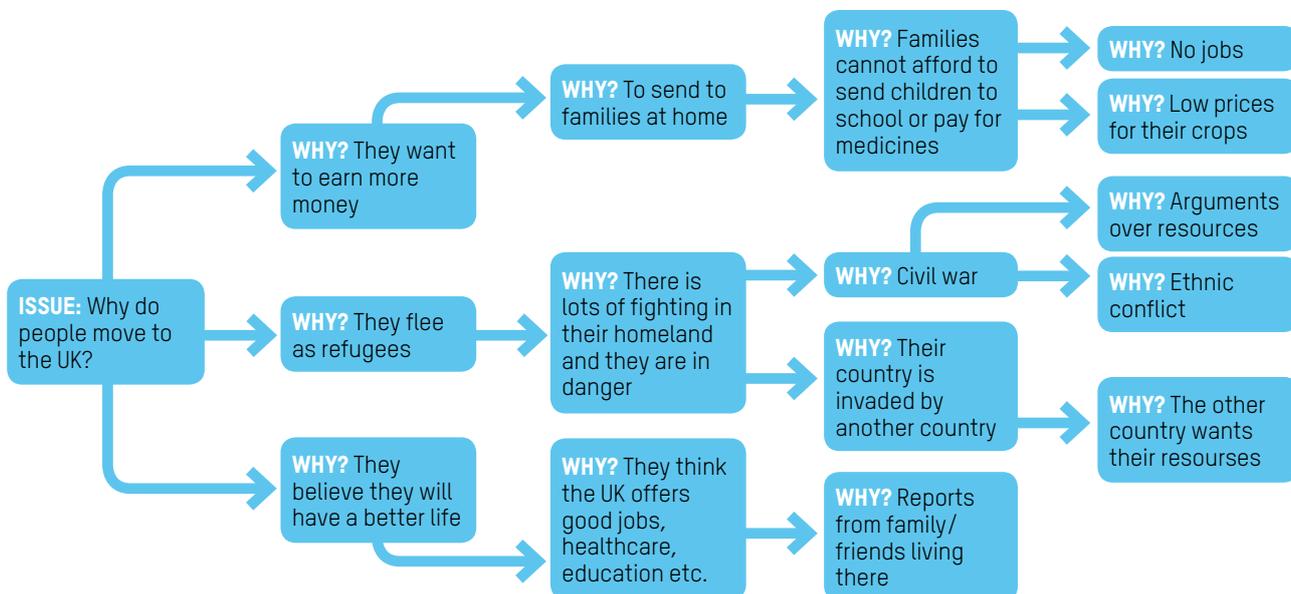
Best done in pairs or threes, or as a whole-class discussion activity. Flip-chart or sugar paper, and pens or sticky notes are useful.

How is it done?

1 Write the issue in a box at the left-hand side of the page. Then ask learners to think of all the direct reasons for the issue. These should be written (or drawn) in boxes in a neighbouring column, linked to the issue box by arrows.

2 Ask learners to think through the possible reasons behind this first set of reasons. Each reason may have more than one contributing factor. Repeat the process as many times as the issue will allow, each time starting a new column to the right of the previous one. The end result is a flow chart which highlights the complexity of an issue and the different scales of causation. You could then ask learners to distinguish between links that they can support with evidence and those that they cannot.

3 Once the process has gone as far as it can, look at the boxes on the right-hand side, and encourage learners to ask: ‘Is it fair that this is happening?’ and ‘What can be done to change things?’.



A further tool for stimulating questions

The Route Finder is a framework, based on Tide-Global Learning’s Development Compass Rose, intended to stimulate questions around resources such as photos, artefacts or stories. It ensures that an issue is looked at from all angles – economic, social, environmental and political. It can also be used for charting answers and/or further questions that emerge. The Route Finder is on page 94 (Section 2) of *Get Global!*

www.oxfam.org.uk/get-global

Interrogating photographs

What is it?

Photographs can be hugely influential in shaping our ideas about ourselves, other people and the wider world. However, the pictures we see do not always tell the whole story. Images in the media can often be one-sided or perpetuate negative stereotypes. So visual literacy is arguably as important to learners as text literacy. The following activity gets learners questioning photographs (or artefacts), as well as their own assumptions about them.

Classroom set-up

Learners work in groups of three or four. Each group will require table space.

How is it done?

Learners look carefully at the photograph or artefact and discuss what they know about it. They then consider what they would like to know, and write down all the questions that they can think of (the photograph or artefact could be placed on a piece of sugar paper and the questions written around it). You can then use the Route Finder tool (see 'A further tool for stimulating questions' on page 12) to categorise the questions and see if there are any lines of questioning that the learners have not addressed.

To encourage learners to question their assumptions about a photograph, you could ask:

- Where is this place? Is it in the UK? Why do you think that?
- What is happening beyond the frame?
- Why do you think that? Learners could lay the photograph in the middle of a sheet of plain paper and draw what they think lies beyond the frame around it. Alternatively, if you want to compare learners' ideas with the reality shown in the photograph, you could reveal just a section of the original image and ask them to extend it.
- What happened before the picture was taken and what might have happened afterwards? Why do you think that?

Issue tree

What is it?

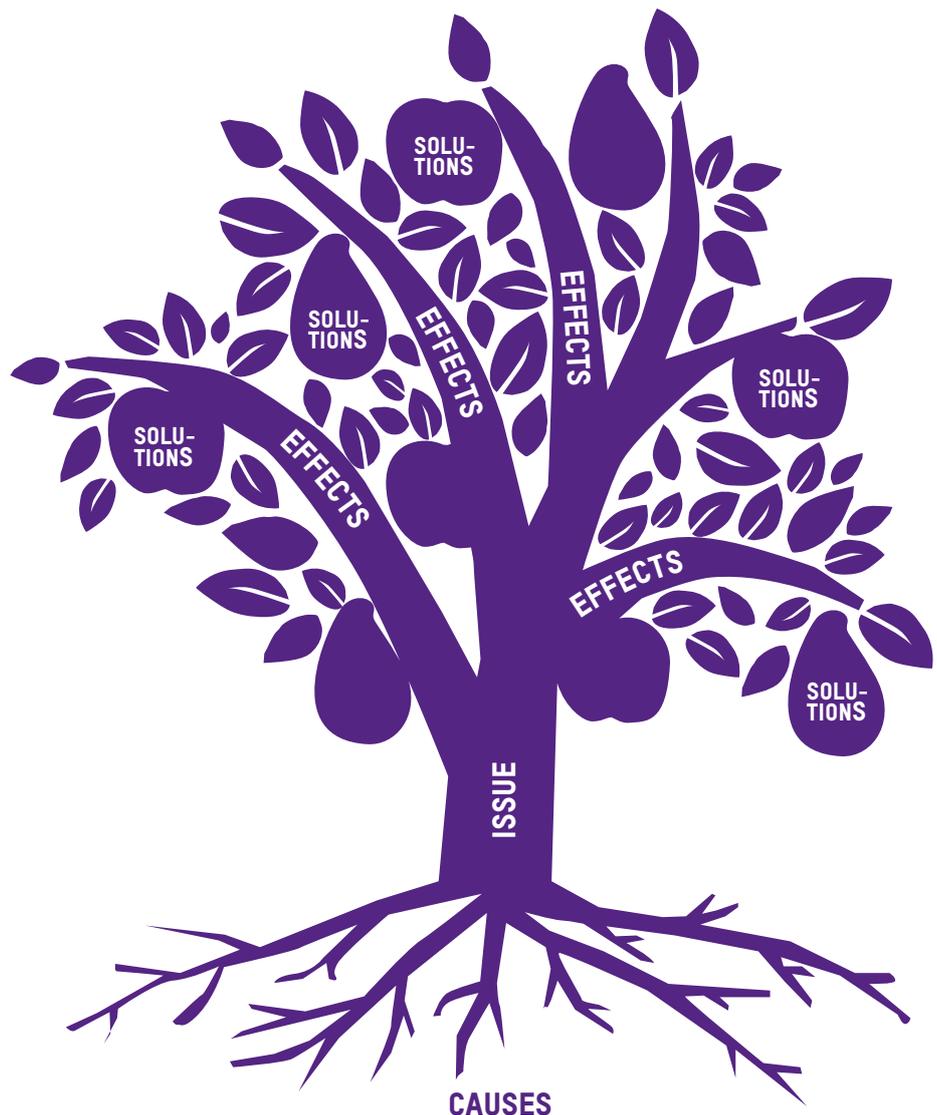
This is a way of structuring an enquiry to encourage learners to explore the causes, effects (or symptoms) and solutions of a given issue.

Classroom set-up

This activity is best done in groups but can be completed individually.

How is it done?

- Learners draw a fruit tree in outline.
- They then label the trunk with the chosen issue, the roots with the causes of the issue, the branches with the effects (or symptoms) of the issue, and the fruit with possible solutions to the issue.
- This activity can be carried out either before learners research the issue, as a way of representing what they already know, or at the end of their research as a way of presenting their findings.



FURTHER TOOLS FOR MAKING CONNECTIONS

Commodity/supply chain activities

There are many activities and resources that illustrate the global commodity chains linking our everyday goods (for example, food, clothing, and smartphones) to people in distant places. See, for example, the resources on bananas, cocoa and cotton on the Fairtrade Foundation website www.schools.fairtrade.org.uk

MAKING CONNECTIONS

Guidelines

- Themes common to young people’s lives throughout the world – such as water, food, transport, homes, school, waste, conflict and play – make good starting points. They focus learners’ minds on the things they share with young people in other countries, before they go on to consider their different experiences of these aspects of life.
- The concept of a journey is very useful in making local–global connections. The journeys of both people and goods (for example, bananas) demonstrate vividly the meaning of global interdependence.
- Connections also need to be made between issues. Investigating any issue, such as inequality, of both local and global significance usually reveals a web of connections that involve other important factors.
- While you should avoid oversimplifying complex global issues, there are still many useful connections to be made between global concerns and everyday classroom life; for example, parallels can be drawn between sharing equipment and social justice.

Consequences wheel

What is it?

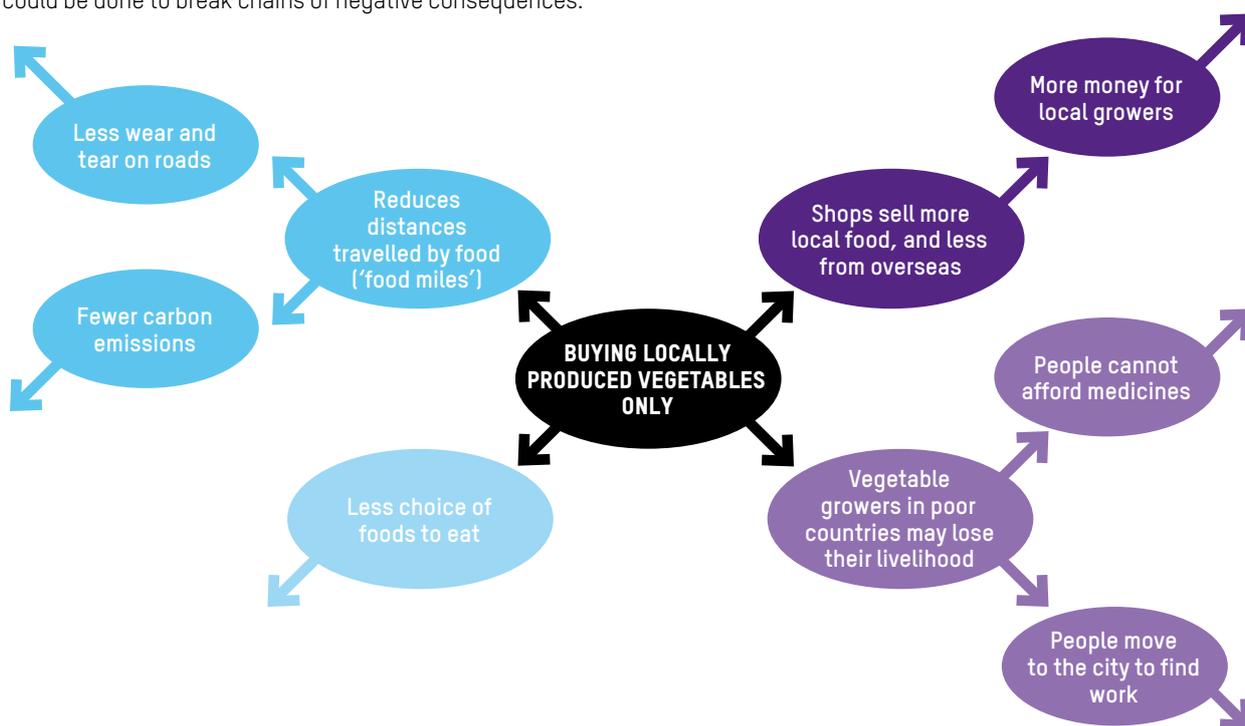
A consequences wheel is a type of mind-map which can help learners think through the consequences of an event, action or issue. As well as making connections between cause and effect, consequences wheels can also help learners appreciate the global significance of local actions, and the local significance of global issues or trends.

Classroom set-up

This activity can be done individually, in small groups or as a whole class.

How is it done?

- 1 Learners write the main event or action inside a circle in the middle of the page.
- 2 Learners write each direct consequence of the event inside another circle, which is linked to the main circle with a single line. Learners try to think of as many direct consequences as possible. These should be arranged in a circle around the main circle.
- 3 Learners then consider the consequences of these consequences. These are once again written inside circles, linked to the direct consequences – and so on. Learners can colour each circle depending on whether the consequence is good or bad.
- 4 Go through the learners’ assumptions with them and ask whether they are justified. Discuss with learners how they can find out more about the facts.
- 5 Further discussion could involve looking more deeply at the issues that have arisen, and getting learners to think about what could be done to break chains of negative consequences.



Mysteries

What are they?

Mysteries involve learners piecing together 'clues' written on separate pieces of paper to answer a question. They are an excellent tool for developing thinking and problem-solving skills, as well as literacy, but they are also very good for exploring global interconnectedness.

Classroom set-up

This activity is best undertaken in small groups. Each group will need a large enough surface to move around up to 30 cards.

How are they done?

- 1 Ideally, mystery activities are based on real-life scenarios. Newspaper stories can provide all the information you need to devise your own.
- 2 Explain to learners that their task is to solve a mystery, and tell them the central question that they have to answer. Explain that they will be given a set of clues, some of which may be more useful than others. Emphasise that it is not enough just to solve the mystery – they will need to be ready to explain how they solved it to the rest of the group (or in writing). You may want to provide them with a structure to clarify their reasoning – perhaps in the form of a writing frame or a why-why-why chain diagram (see page 12).
- 3 After the group discussion, groups should present and justify their answers, using the evidence before them. Discuss the causes and effects they have noted and the connections they have made. You could also ask learners how they went about sorting their information, and how they worked in their groups to arrive at a decision.
- 4 This activity should ideally be followed by a discussion of how learners themselves could respond to the issue (see pages 18-19 for ideas).

The example below gets learners engaging with the complex nature of global issues. There were several factors behind the closure of Runa's stall, while there are good reasons why Shafraz is driven to school despite the environmental impact. While the activity presents the issue at a personal level, the point is not to blame a global problem on one person's actions, but to show how the actions of many people, in different places, contribute to both the problem and the solutions. This needs emphasising, to ensure that learners are not left feeling guilty about the world's problems.

Example: Why did Runa's stall close down? Or, alternatively: **How are the lives of Shafraz and Runa connected?**

Shafraz is driven to school each day in his parents' car.	Recent stormy weather has made it harder for cars, buses and trucks to come into Cox's Bazaar.	Climate change is believed to increase the risk of extreme weather.
Bangladesh is in South Asia. It is one of ten countries most at risk from sea levels rising.	Sea levels are rising as a result of climate change.	Shafraz's parents say Sparkbrook's traffic makes it too dangerous to walk or cycle to school.
Runa's stall has had to close down.	Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas which contributes to climate change.	Runa sells fruit and vegetables to tourists, commuters and truck drivers travelling in and out of Cox's Bazaar.
Shafraz lives two kilometres from his school in Sparkbrook, Birmingham.	Last week, Runa's stall was flooded for the second time.	Birmingham's traffic is mostly made up of cars.
Tourists come to Cox's Bazaar for the sandy beaches.	Bad storms and rain have been damaging the road leading into Cox's Bazaar.	Cars produce carbon dioxide from the burning of petrol.
Cox's Bazaar is a resort on the south-eastern coast of Bangladesh.	Runa's stall is on a main road leading into Cox's Bazaar. The road is less than 0.5m above sea level.	The morning bus to Shafraz's school is often held up in heavy traffic.

Source: This is based on an activity in 'Lessons in Sustainability', Tide-Global Learning, 2003

EXPLORING VIEWPOINTS AND VALUES

Guidelines

- Establish ground rules which create a safe environment for learners to express opinions. Ideally, the class will help draw up these ground rules, as this will encourage learners to take responsibility for their own learning process.
- Discussions do not have to reach conclusions or consensus.
- Splitting the class into small groups can help less confident learners express their opinions. Consider having the members of each group assign themselves roles, for example, note-taker, timekeeper, spokesperson.
- Consider your own role carefully. The box to the right provides some guidance.

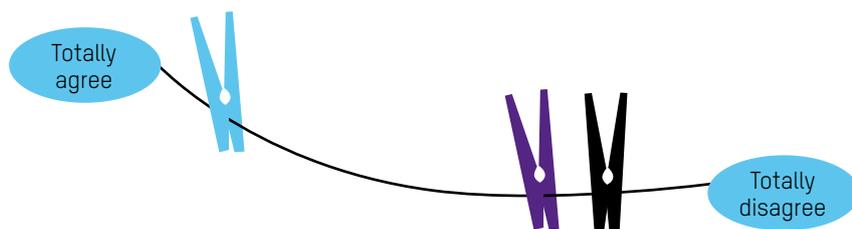
Opinion continuum

What is it?

This is a simple way of encouraging learners to think through their position on two opposing views about an issue. It is a helpful means of exploring complex issues and diverse viewpoints.

Classroom set-up

At its most basic, this activity only requires space for a continuous line (real or imagined) from one side of the classroom to the other. An alternative approach is to hang a line of string (at around waist height) between two facing walls, and invite learners to come to the line one at a time and use pegs to mark their opinions.



How is it done?

These guidelines should enable everyone to take part in a calm way:

- 1 Introduce the opinion that you want learners to consider, for example, 'People should have to pay for plastic bags in shops' and outline two opposite positions (strongly agree vs strongly disagree). Explain that everyone's view will fall somewhere along the line, and that there are not necessarily any right or wrong answers.
- 2 Explain the rules, such as learners choose whether to participate or not; the person taking their place on the line is the only person talking; no reactions – verbal or otherwise – from the rest of the group.
- 3 Any learner may begin by taking a position on the line that represents their view. The volunteer says a few words to the class about why they have taken that position. The process is repeated, with selected learners expressing their opinions one at a time.
- 4 If some learners are reluctant to take part, you could suggest that they mark their position on the line without saying anything.
- 5 When everyone who wants to has spoken, tell learners they can change their position on the line in the light of the arguments they have heard.
- 6 Debrief the learners. How many learners changed their positions? What led them to change their minds? What have they gained from this process?

To encourage learners to practise negotiation skills, you could divide them into groups and ask them to come to a group view. Each group can then send one representative to identify the place on the line that best represents the group view. This is also easier in terms of classroom management, with fewer learners out of their seats at any one time.

CHOOSE YOUR ROLE CAREFULLY

When handling controversial issues, the teacher can play any one of a variety of roles:

Committed – the teacher is free to share their own views. Care needs to be taken as this can lead to a biased discussion.

Objective or academic – the teacher gives an explanation of all possible viewpoints without stating their own position.

Devil's advocate – the teacher deliberately adopts an opposite stance to each pupil's, irrespective of their own viewpoint. This approach helps ensure all views are covered and challenges learners' existing beliefs.

Declared interest – the teacher declares their own viewpoint so that learners can judge later bias, then presents all positions as objectively as possible.

Advocate – the teacher presents all available viewpoints and then concludes by stating their own position with reasons.

Impartial chairperson – the teacher ensures that all viewpoints are represented, through learners' statements or published sources. The teacher facilitates but does not state their own position.

Any of these roles may be appropriate at a particular time, and each one has its advantages and disadvantages.

Think carefully about which role you will adopt in each situation and why.

Role play

What is it?

Role play needs little introduction. It is a versatile device that can take a variety of forms and can be effective for all ages.

Classroom set-up

This will depend on the form of role play used. But it will often require a classroom arrangement where learners can easily work in small groups.

How is it done?

Role play based on stories is just one way of enabling learners to see the world through other people's eyes. Here are two possible approaches:

- **Freeze frame and thought-tracking:** Learners listen to part of a story and then act it out. They freeze the action at certain points and discuss what they are doing and feeling. They then consider what is going to happen next. They can then act out their predictions and refer to the story to see what really happened. This approach works well with stories of real people from history and the present.
- **Hot-seating:** This is a good way to develop questioning skills as well as to explore values and viewpoints. Learners decide on questions that they would like to ask one of the characters in the story. Then one pupil takes the 'hot seat', playing the part of that character, and the others take turns to ask their questions.

With all forms of role play, the debrief is crucial. This involves learners stepping out of role to explore what they felt when they were in the role, and why.

Critical thinking online

What is it?

This is simply an approach to using the internet that encourages learners to look critically at websites. Like any other source of information, websites need handling carefully and critically. Often what is presented as fact actually represents just one viewpoint or set of values.

Classroom set-up

This activity can work with any classroom arrangement but assumes access to an internet connection.

How is it done?

You could provide a simple template for learners to use whenever they visit a website, or you could ask older learners to devise their own list of questions that they can use to evaluate websites. Questions might include:

- Who runs the website?
- What are their aims?
- What impression does the website give of the organisation/person behind it? How does it do this?
- What message is the website trying to communicate? How does it use language and images to do this?
- Does the website present more fact or opinion?
- How do you react to the website? Why?
- Who is providing information?

FURTHER TOOLS FOR EXPLORING VIEWPOINTS AND VALUES

Simulation games

These can be highly engaging and provide rich opportunities for deep learning about global issues.

There are many available at www.globaldimension.org.uk

Philosophy for Children

An excellent methodology for encouraging learners to explore a wide range of viewpoints, and one that can be used with all ages.

See www.sapere.org.uk

Open Spaces for Dialogue and Enquiry

A very useful method for developing 'critical literacy'.

See www.osdemethodology.org.uk for guidance materials and classroom resources.

Further guidance on exploring views and values can be found in the free Oxfam publication, *Teaching Controversial Issues*, which can be downloaded at www.oxfam.org.uk/guides

RESPONDING AS ACTIVE GLOBAL CITIZENS

Guidelines

Bear in mind that education for global citizenship does not involve telling people what they should do. Instead, it helps learners to think critically through all the options open to them.

- Encourage learners to consider the global effects of local actions, perhaps using the consequences wheel described on page 14.
- Be aware that deciding not to do something is still an action, and will have consequences just like any other course of action.
- Always encourage learners to think in terms of responsible action that takes account of the law, school policies and ethical considerations. They will need to think through all the possible consequences of their actions. Again, the consequences wheel could be used here.
- An important part of the learning process is to reflect on what has been learned through action.
- Active global citizenship is political, in that it involves making decisions about whether something should be changed and how that change should come about. However, it should not follow a party-political line, as that would compromise the critical thinking and questioning which are central to global citizenship.

Ideal futures

What is it?

This is a mind-mapping tool, based on work by Professor David Hicks, that encourages learners to express their ideas – both positive and negative – about the future. It can be used to explore the future generally, at personal, local, national and global levels (remembering that these are all interrelated). It can also be used to look at a specific issue, for example, the development of biofuels, GM crops or global inequalities.

Classroom set-up

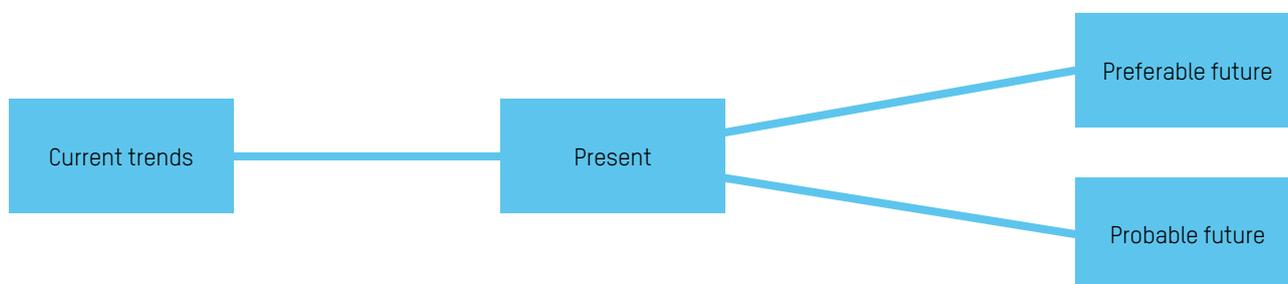
This activity is suitable for most classroom arrangements as it is best carried out as a personal reflection activity – although personal responses can be then be charted as a whole class.

How is it done?

Learners draw a time line, going back as far as necessary for the issue in question. The line forks at the present (see diagram). On the lower time line, learners place the things they think will probably happen in relation to the issue. These can be represented in a variety of ways such as words, drawings or cut-out images. Meanwhile, along the upper time line, learners can add the things they would prefer to happen.

In debriefing, discuss the following questions:

- What changes are most likely to happen?
- What would you personally prefer to see happen?
- Who else shares such a vision of the future?
- What needs to change if the preferable future is to become a reality, rather than the probable one? Who is actually working to create such a future? How can we contribute to that preferable future?



River time line

What is it?

This is an action-planning tool to help learners chart progress towards a chosen goal.

Classroom set-up

This activity needs large surfaces for groups to work around.

How is it done?

Learners sketch the shape of a river on a large sheet of paper. This activity can also be done as a whole class, using several pieces of flip-chart or sugar paper stuck together. The river represents the steps towards achieving a particular goal, in chronological order. The source of the river is the situation now and the mouth of the river is the goal. Tributaries joining the river represent the actions that need to be taken, in the appropriate order. Potential obstacles can be shown as boulders, waterfalls and whirlpools. The river can be added to as progress towards the goal continues.

Action card ranking

What is it?

This activity encourages learners to brainstorm various options for taking action, and think through their relative merits. It develops respect for others and skills of co-operation, critical thinking and decision-making.

Classroom set-up

Learners will need to be able to work in groups of three or four, and each group will need table space on which to move around nine action cards.

How is it done?

- 1 Groups identify up to nine possible actions that they could take in response to an issue. They write each action on a separate sticky note (or piece of paper). Alternatively, they can work with nine 'ready-made' options – these can be either generic and broadly applicable to most issues (see example), or specific to the issue. When using ready-made cards, include some blank cards so learners can substitute their own ideas for those on the cards.
- 2 Emphasise that there is no right or wrong answer – there will be advantages and disadvantages to every option, and learners should rank them as they think best. Explain how groups are expected to feed back their responses – for example, their top three choices with reasons, or their top and bottom choices with reasons.
- 3 Groups then rank their options in a diamond formation, as shown below. When most groups have agreed on their formation, stop the class and ask for feedback. Explore the choices they have made and their reasons for them. Finally, discuss the criteria they used to make their decisions, for example, feasibility, appropriateness, effectiveness or cost.

<p>DIAMOND NINE RANKING</p> <p>1 2 2 3 3 3 4 4 5</p> <p>The purpose of diamond nine ranking is to provoke discussion or reflection about the relative importance of a range of factors. This method of ranking can be used in many different contexts where there is a need to define, prioritise or make decisions. For example, it could be used to evaluate nine different definitions of 'development', or to select classroom rules.</p>	<p>The best action is to lobby (put our arguments to) someone in a powerful position, for example, write a letter or an email, send a petition or an opinion survey, or visit them.</p>	<p>The best action is to find out which organisations can help us, and join their local, national or global campaigns.</p>	<p>The best action is to perform a play on how the issue affects people, for example, in assembly, or in other schools.</p>
	<p>The best action is to use social media to raise awareness and inspire others to take action.</p>	<p>The best action is to make a leaflet, poster or collage on the issue and display it to people in school and in the local community.</p>	<p>The best action is to make different choices about your life based on what you have learned, for example, change what you eat, wear and spend money on.</p>
	<p>The best action is to make a video, audio or photograph presentation to stimulate discussion about the issue, and get people to debate it.</p>	<p>The best action is to raise money and donate it to a charity working on the issue.</p>	<p>The best action is to work with the media, for example, give a talk on local radio, invite the media to an event.</p>

ASSESSING LEARNING

Guidelines

- Assessment for learning is the aim here, so assessment is best interwoven throughout the learning process. Nevertheless, the activities below can also aid summative assessment.
- Always be specific about what you are assessing – and ask learners to be specific about what they want to assess.
- Assessment is best seen as a partnership activity, bringing together the perspectives of both teacher and learners.
- Peer assessment can be invaluable, as long as there are clear ground rules and assessment criteria for learners to follow (which they can help devise). Such assessment makes learners much more conscious of what makes for high-quality work, and of what they could do to improve.

Know – Want to Know – Learnt (KWL)

This simple tool can be used at any stage of a sequence of learning activities on a particular issue or topic. It enables learners to document their present level of knowledge and what gaps may exist in that knowledge, to structure progress in their learning and to analyse what new information has been learned after research. If K-W-L is carried out in groups, it can also consolidate communication skills and teamwork.

On a K-W-L grid (see below), learners write under ‘K’ what they think they already know about a particular topic or issue. If learners are working in groups, they may wish to use sticky notes to gather their thoughts before writing their combined ideas onto the grid. Learners are then encouraged to think about the gaps in their knowledge by filling out what they want to know in the ‘W’ column. Once the topic is completed (or at a suitable point during the topic) learners return to their grids to complete the ‘L’ column and compare what they have learnt with the content of the ‘K’ and ‘W’ columns.

Topic:		
K - KNOW What do we already know?	W - WANT What do we want to know?	L - LEARNT What have we learnt?



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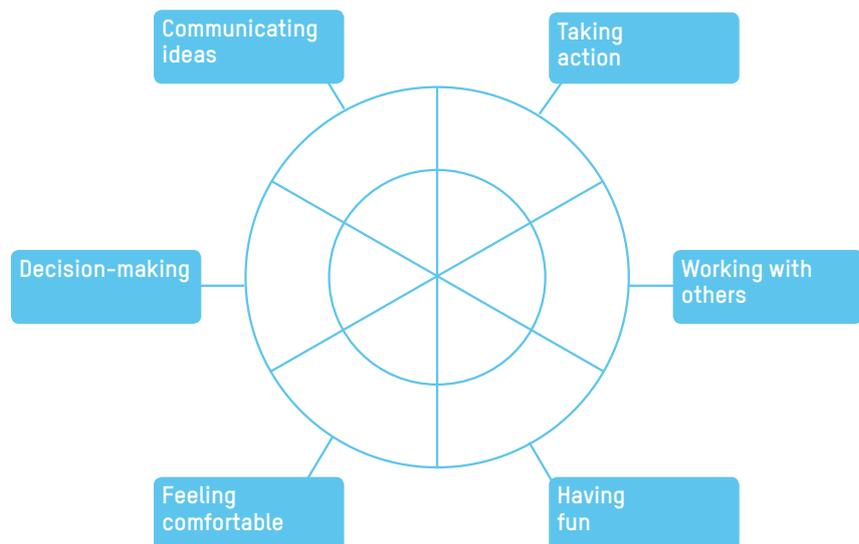
Likert scales

Likert scales consist of a range of positions between two opposites. They can be used for a wide variety of purposes, including participatory assessment. You can use as many or as few scales as you wish. The global citizenship skills chart (below) shows how a series of Likert scales can easily be compiled into a self-assessment tool. Before drawing the scales, you may want to discuss with learners the measures they think should be assessed, although it may be easier to give them a ready-made chart and ask them to suggest changes.

Global citizenship skills chart						
High score	1	2	3	4	5	Low score
Worked well as part of a group						Did not work well as part of a group
Contributed to discussions						Did not contribute to discussions
Listened to other opinions easily						Found it difficult to listen to other opinions
Planned well						Did not plan well
Skills gained:						
Areas for improvement:						

Evaluation wheel

An evaluation wheel shows the extent to which particular objectives were met. This activity can be done either individually or in groups. Two concentric circles are divided into segments, each segment representing a different indicator, for example, skills used or actions completed. Learners colour in more or less of each segment of the inner circle to show how successfully each indicator has been met. The outer wedge can be used for comments.



Further tools

EXPRESSION CARDS

Learners write comments on cards and put them into a postbox in the classroom. Sentence starters are a useful way of framing comments, for example, 'I learnt that...', 'I want to learn more about...'. Pick a card from the box, and use it as a basis for discussion.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Learners use red, amber and green cards to communicate how well they understand.

HOW DO WE KNOW IT'S WORKING?

If you would like to measure attitudinal change in global citizenship, this resource provides teachers with a toolkit for learners from early years to Key Stage 5. Available from Reading International Solidarity Centre: www.risc.org.uk

FURTHER RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

oxfam.org.uk/education

Resources: The Oxfam Education website features curriculum-linked resources on a variety of global issues. We have toolkits for active global citizenship, classroom resources and online tools. Many of our resources are available in Welsh.

Teacher guides and professional development: The website also contains details of Oxfam's continuing professional development programmes for teachers, and free teacher guides such as:

- *Education for Global Citizenship: A guide for schools*
- *Maths and Global Citizenship*
- *English and Global Citizenship*
- *Building Successful School Partnerships*
- *Teaching Controversial Issues*

World Shapers (England): This offers schools in England bespoke in-school support for embedding global citizenship.

Youth Ambassadors: This scheme provides opportunities for learners to lead their peers in learning, thinking and acting on global issues.

Youth Ambassador Group resources are specific to the England educational and political contexts. While we can accept registrations from groups in Scotland and Wales who wish to adapt these resources for use in their contexts, Oxfam only has capacity to provide remote support from our England offices.

For further enquiries about Oxfam's work in education, telephone 0300 200 1300 or email education@oxfam.org.uk

Global Learning Programme

The Global Learning Programme provides free support for whole-school approaches to global citizenship and professional development for teachers.

- England: globaldimension.org.uk/glp
- Northern Ireland: centreforglobaleducation.com/global-learning-programme
- Scotland: ideas-forum.org.uk/glps
- Wales: globaldimension.org.uk/glpwales

globaldimension.org.uk

The Global Dimension website provides a searchable guide of over 1,000 reviewed books, films, posters and web resources which support global learning across all age groups and subjects.

hwb.wales.gov.uk

Hwb is an all-Wales virtual learning environment which hosts a range of bilingual digital learning tools and resources, including resources which support education for sustainable development and global citizenship.

ideas-forum.org.uk

IDEAS (International Development Education Association of Scotland) is a network of organisations and individuals involved in educating for global citizenship across Scotland. The IDEAS website contains details of projects and programmes for schools and teachers, a regular magazine featuring articles on global issues, practical classroom activities and useful resources, as well as news from schools and IDEAS members.

britishcouncil.org/connectingclassrooms

Connecting Classrooms supports schools in developing global citizenship through international school partnerships.

globalclassrooms.org.uk

The Consortium of Development Education Centres consists of members across England, each an independent, local-based, not-for-profit organisation whose core work includes the support and delivery of global learning to schools.

Philosophy for Children – sapere.org.uk

An excellent methodology for encouraging learners to explore a wide range of viewpoints, and one that can be used with all ages.

Open Spaces for Dialogue and Enquiry – osdemethodology.org.uk

A set of procedures and resources to help structure safe spaces for dialogue and enquiry about global issues, and promote critical literacy.

UCL Institute of Education – ioe.ac.uk/derc

The UCL Institute of Education's Development Education Research Centre publishes research papers on global learning practice in schools.

Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)

Apart from Oxfam Education, several other NGOs support global citizenship education. See, for example, the websites of ActionAid, Amnesty International UK, British Red Cross, Christian Aid, CAFOD, Fairtrade Foundation, Islamic Relief, MADE in Europe, Practical Action and Tzedek, to name but a few.



“WHAT SHONE THROUGH FOR ME WAS THE PUPILS’ FEELING OF INJUSTICE. WE OFTEN ASSUME OUR PUPILS ARE DESENSITISED TO MANY OF THE GLOBAL ISSUES, BUT WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY EXPLORE AN ISSUE – ITS ROOT CAUSES, THE IMPACT IT ACTUALLY HAS ON PEOPLE, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS – THE PUPILS WERE SHARING THEIR OPINIONS, DISCUSSING IDEAS AND LISTENING TO EACH OTHER. THEY KNEW HOW MUCH THEIR VOICE COUNTED.”

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