



The Story of the Blind Man and an Elephant

At the CGE we use the story of the 'Blind men and an Elephant' to help explain Global Education. The story originated from India. In various versions of the tale, a group of blind men (or men in the dark) touch an elephant to learn what it is like. Each one touches a different part such as the side, tail or the tusk. They then compare notes on what they felt, and learn they are in complete disagreement. The story helps to show that each man had a part of the truth as to what an elephant is. Only by listening to one another and putting each part together, could they then get the full picture. Global Education is mirrored by this story, in that it is made from various parts:

- Values & Perceptions
- Human Rights
- Sustainable Development
- Interdependence
- Conflict Resolution
- Social Justice
- Diversity
- Global Citizenship

Only by acknowledging and understanding all 8 key concepts can you truly grasp Global Education in its entirety.

