

# What

eTwinning is a free and secure online network, where teachers from more than 40 countries can find partners, work on projects, exchange best practice and enable student collaboration. eTwinning is part of the Erasmus+ programme for schools, which provides European Union funding; enabling staff to train and teach abroad.

# Why

The fundamental principles of the Curriculum for Excellence are intrinsic to eTwinning. The free and secure platform is purposely built to enable schools to network and find suitable partners to support curriculum work in an inclusive way, across cultures, sectors and subject areas – within Scotland and internationally. eTwinning specifically supports Digital Learning through:

- Free and funded professional development: face to face and online workshops to equip teachers with the online skills to interact, collaborate, store and share work – within a safe environment.
- Once teachers are skilled up, they can then invite students to a unique secure online space to work on their own curriculum related project, which allows students to communicate, collaborate and problem solve alongside an audience of peers from other schools, helping them to live and work in and online and digital world as responsible citizens.
- Webpages within the eTwinning platform can be made public or private, which helps schools to share student work with parents, governors and the local community.

**Head teacher Colin Kirkness from Brae High School in Shetland** says his pupils have benefited enormously from getting involved in Erasmus+ :  
“The programme gives pupils a fantastic opportunity to experience another culture and make friends from across Europe. These exchanges offer a rich context for learning and, as a school, we believe this to be extremely valuable in promoting responsible global citizens.”

eTwinning is ideal for Curriculum for Excellence because everything that Curriculum for Excellence stands for can be covered through eTwinning... projects can be undertaken in every aspect of the curriculum.

**Michael Purves, Yester Primary School, East Lothian, Scotland.**



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# How your school in Scotland can benefit from eTwinning and Erasmus+



## 98%

of school staff who took part in **Erasmus+** would recommend it to a colleague, for learning good practice from abroad, introducing new teaching methods, increased job satisfaction and enhanced career opportunities, after just a week training abroad.



## 50%

of schools in the UK who received Erasmus+ funding in 2016 are using **eTwinning** to support their projects.



Find out more via:

[www.britishcouncil.org/eTwinning/funding](http://www.britishcouncil.org/eTwinning/funding)

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eTwinning is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and is managed by the British Council in the UK.

The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities.

# How the eTwinning platform can support your international journey

## SIGN UP

for free to  
[www.etwinning.net](http://www.etwinning.net)

## SEARCH

for a partner and register a curriculum related project, all via the internet and the comfort of your classroom.

## REGISTER

your project and secure the foundation level of the International School Award for your school.

INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOOL AWARD

## JOB SHADOW

and take your partnership to the next level: use the School Education Gateway to find Erasmus+ courses or future opportunities to job shadow partner teachers.

## COLLABORATE

using the eTwinning secure online space and tools like webinar conferencing, chat rooms and blogs to support your project, meet with your partner, save and share your project work.



## APPLY

for Erasmus+ KA1 funding and join the 77% of school education applicants who were successful in applying for almost €3m in European Union grants in 2015.

## TRAVEL

through Erasmus+ to one or more schools across Europe. Exchange best practice and learn new teaching methods.

## SKILL UP

via eTwinning's free and funded professional development opportunities.

## DISCUSS

your curriculum related project idea with your partner.



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