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## 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 fundamentals of the Curriculum for Life are intrinsic to eTwinning. The free and secure platform is purposely built to enable schools to find suitable partners and support curriculum work in an inclusive way, across cultures, sectors and subject areas - within Wales and internationally, eTwinning and Erasmus+ will specifically support the Digital Competence Framework 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. This space allows students to communicate, collaborate and problem solve alongside an audience of peers from other schools, giving language learning a real context, supporting Global Futures bilingual +1 ethos and helping students to learn how to live and work in and online and digital world.
- 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.

There's a definite improvement when they've got a real audience - definitely, without a shadow of a doubt. When they know they're doing work for either another school in general, or in particular for one of their peers, their attention to detail is astounding. They don't want to make a mistake. They want to write and they want to be perfect.

**Ruth Sanders, Velindre Community Special School,** Port Talbot, Wales

**Emily Daly, foreign languages** advisor for City of Cardiff **Council** said of the Erasmus+ project 'Inspiring Outdoor leads a consortium of 18 schools across seven local authorities 48 participating teachers to share ideas and experiences. meeting the Welsh Government's objective to widen peer-topeer working across schools. Inspirational teaching can only come from inspired, interested can only serve the staff and the students positively.

Find out more via:

www.britishcouncil.org/eTwinning/funding

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

98% just a week training abroad.

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



50% of schools in the UK who received Erasmus+ funding in 2016 are using eTwinning to support

their projects.

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

#### **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

# **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





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## **SIGN UP**

for free to www.etwinning.net



**DISCUSS** 

your curriculum related

project idea with your partner.

## **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.

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