

# PRESS RELEASE

## UK SCHOOLS RECEIVE NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARDS FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE LEARNING.

**The British Council celebrated the 10th Annual eTwinning UK conference at the National College for Teaching and Leadership in Nottingham from 5-7 June.**

The programme provides a safe online platform enabling teachers, schools and colleges to develop partnerships with those elsewhere in Europe, as well as some countries within the European neighbourhood (known as eTwinning Plus countries).

Over 130 eTwinning ambassadors and leading educators from across the UK and beyond attended the conference, which provided opportunities to strengthen the network and discuss what they and their pupils have achieved through eTwinning. In addition, delegates attended a Teachmeet and a series of Professional Development Workshops which included: instilling UK values within the classroom, using tools such as Minecraft and Google for international collaboration; Robotics; and Erasmus+ funding.

The main event of the conference was the 2015 UK eTwinning [National Award](#) ceremony, which took place on Saturday 6 June. The awards celebrate those who have produced outstanding collaborative work as part of the eTwinning programme.

There were 13 awards presented in various categories, as well as one award for the overall winning project that, out of all the winners, was the most outstanding. This was awarded to Diana Linford from Steeton Primary School for her project [Christmas Truce](#).

Below is the list of winners of each of the 13 award categories:

### **eTwinning in Early Years Award**

**Art ... to discover and understand Europe**, Alison Healy, Morpeth First School

*"...an impeccably designed and well-structured project with solid collaboration and communication using well tried social media..."*

### **eTwinning in Primary Award**

**The school around the corner**, Patrick Carroll, Shaw Wood Primary School

*"...an innovative use of ICT which has contributed significantly to the imaginative and creative outcomes of this project..."*

### **eTwinning in Secondary Award**

**Cuido mi Entorno (Protecting my environment)**, Suzanne McCloskey, Hazelwood Integrated College

*“...a great example of a project where language skills were explored in a creative and cross-curricular way...”*

### **Special Educational Needs Award**

**A country to be proud of: a comparison of leisure activities in Poland And Wales**, Ruth Sanders, Ysgol Hendre

*“...Student centred, stimulating and contextualised to fully engage their interest while achieving curriculum outcomes, demonstrates a creative and well organised project...”*

### **Collaboration Award**

**Colour my world**, Ian Kell, Academy at Shotton Hall

*“...delivers robust educational outcomes across many disciplines using highly collaborative techniques, innovative online tools and engaging activities...”*

### **Peer to Peer Learning Award**

**LTT. Let's Learn Together**, Lorraine Oldham, King's Ely

*“...innovative cross curricular primary project clearly exemplifies the positive outcomes which peer to peer learning through the context of eTwinning can achieve...”*

### **eTwinning in Comenius Partnerships (Primary) Award**

**Once upon an Island**, Fatima Duerden, Dog Kennel Hill Primary School

*“...achieving direct peer to peer interactions...”*

### **eTwinning in Comenius Partnerships (Secondary) Award**

**VIOLA (Values in our lives always)**, Drew Buddie, Royal Masonic School

*“...genuine student dialogue, self-evaluation, common morality, transferable skills, structuring values to be applied in their education experiences and for life...”*

### **Whole School Award**

**Christmas Truce**, Diana Linford, Steeton Primary School

*“...the outcomes generated genuinely integrate widely into the school curriculum and those of the partner schools...”*

### **Modern Foreign Languages Award**

**Let's celebrate the European Day of languages together!** Elena Theophanous, Wykeham Primary School

*“...really great use of various ICT tools such as SlideShare, Zee maps with QR codes, and Smilebox, including those used to present the evaluation...”*

#### **Student Engagement Award**

**For Europe, citizen and games! - Pour L'Europe : du citoyen et des jeux!** Douglas Bell, Balfron High School

*“student led and with peer to peer assessment at the heart of the evaluation processes it exemplifies substantial and sustained European engagement and collaboration...”*

#### **Curricular Integration Award**

**Film songbook**, Kate Worthington, Long Lawford Primary School

*“...children contributing at the very heart of the project... impact on the curriculum is significant...”*

#### **Newcomer Award**

**Learning European history through use of drama**, Arielle Amici, Astor College

*“...central use of drama and language to explore European history and the impact the characters and events had on our shared history creates a powerful learning experience for all the students involved...”*

#### **HIGHLY COMMENDED PROJECTS**

The highly commended projects in the shortlist are:

- **Flying through Europe**, Adam Hawkins, Ash Church of England Primary School
- **Transport in our town/city**, Andrea LaGrue, Woodfield School
- **Ab Europa Condit**a, Christelle Bernard, The Royal Belfast Academical Institution
- **Travelling friends**, Kate Keaveny, Mowmacre Primary School
- **Penpals from France and Wales**, Ruth Sanders, Ysgol Hendre
- **Myths and Legends**, Sue Salisbury, Johnstown Junior School
- **eTwinning toute l'année**, Victoria Bruff, Worsbrough Common Primary School

Catch up on the conference by searching the event hashtag on Twitter: [#eTuk15](https://twitter.com/eTuk15)

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **Dates**

5-7 June 2015

### **Venue**

National College for Teaching and Learning

Triumph Road

Nottingham

NG8 1DH

### **eTwinning data**

There have been more than 300,000 teacher registrations across Europe on [www.etwinning.net](http://www.etwinning.net). The UK will see 20,000 registrations this year and over 7,800 projects have taken place in the UK since the programme launched in 2005. All school levels, from nursery to sixth form and further education colleges are eligible and the programme is applicable to all areas of the curriculum.

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UK support is available via [www.britishcouncil.org/eTwinning](http://www.britishcouncil.org/eTwinning)

Register on the pan European portal via [www.etwinning.net](http://www.etwinning.net)

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