

**First Connecting Classroom Online Training Workshop
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Private school “ANGE BLEU”, El Jadida city- Morocco**



BACKGROUND

The Connecting Classrooms programme is the British Council's flag-ship international school partnerships project which aims to create sustainable, mutually beneficial partnerships between schools and school systems in the UK and all regions of the world. Through these partnerships, the programme develops trust and understanding between young people in different societies, creating a safer and more connected world for the future.

For schools in East Asia and the UK, the programme enables teachers and students to work together on joint curriculum projects through an online community and learn more about each other's countries, communities and cultures. Each cluster partnership involves one local authority in the UK linking with equivalent bodies from two different countries in East Asia.

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS ONLINE

Connecting Classrooms Online (CCO) is an initiative that will provide a single, over-arching framework for effective uses of ICT to support collaborative school partnerships internationally. It will be an integrated part of the full Connecting Classrooms programme, incorporating best practice from similar British Council-managed products and services such as the DCSF Global Gateway & eLanguages, the EU's eTwinning network and promoting recognition of schools achievements in developing Global Strategies through the DCSF International School Award (ISA). The Programme also looks to act as moderator directing schools to relevant projects and initiatives offered by partners in participating regions.

A dedicated Connecting Classrooms Online Community facilitated by British Council staff experienced in each local country's educational context and the development of a CCO Ambassadors support network through face-to-face training and workshops, will empower schools to build on and develop new and long-lasting international school partnerships. All these means of support will empower schools to optimise their partnership at minimum cost.

Connecting Classrooms Online can enable larger number of students and teachers to engage in knowledge and cultural exchange with peers around the globe. By expanding opportunities to more schools, the programme not only transforms teaching and learning experiences for students and teachers, but also nurtures cultural awareness among the younger generation who will in turn contribute to sustainable and shared understanding of global issues.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS

By participating in our Connecting Classrooms Online programme, you have the opportunities for:

- finding international schools partners
- joining international joint-curriculum projects
- finding out about professional development activities and programmes
- discovering funding for school partnerships and/or other international school partnership

programmes

- networking with other like-minded professional teachers from across the globe.

Once you have been registered, you will be informed of your created account login information. You can then proceed to [the Connecting Classrooms Online website](#) where you can edit your personal information.

You will have been allocated permissions to join forum discussions, enabling you to exchange ideas and knowledge with peers worldwide with Connecting Classrooms Online staff offering full support in order to ensure optimised programme experience.