
Life on Land

Manchester Museum

In 2018, Amy McDowall, Primary Learning Coordinator at Manchester Museum, came across a British Council programme called Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning. The programme itself combines learning resources, training, support for partnership working, and funding to develop international school partnerships and exchange visits.

Through these various components, the idea is to support new international links as a starting point for exploring global challenges, particularly by supporting young people to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to take positive action and thrive in a globalised society.

Manchester Museum became involved in the British Council's Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning programme in 2018 as part of a project cluster. With support from the British Council, the Museum brought together a cluster group of local schools, made up of teachers from Heald Place Primary School (project lead), Manley Park Primary School, New Islington Free School, Webster Primary School, and Whalley Range High School. The group met regularly at the Museum and together, worked collaboratively to plan out a new learning resource template to support Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 15: Life on Land. The group subsequently went on to develop and design new content and activities to support global learning around that SDG, with input from members of the Museum's curatorial team and plenty of inspiration from the Museum's exhibitions.

The resource reinforces the importance of critical thinking, creativity and problem solving as skills that are essential for young people to become active global citizens, but that extend beyond the discrete subject areas of the national curriculum. The final outcome of this project is a [fantastic free learning resource](#), packed full of ideas, activities and resources to support teachers and pupils to explore this topic and fully adaptable according to key stage, subject focus, and the amount of time available to spend on this topic.

Partners: Manchester Museum, British Council, Manchester schools (Heald Place Primary School, Manley Park Primary School, New Islington Free School, Webster Primary School, and Whalley Range High School)



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