

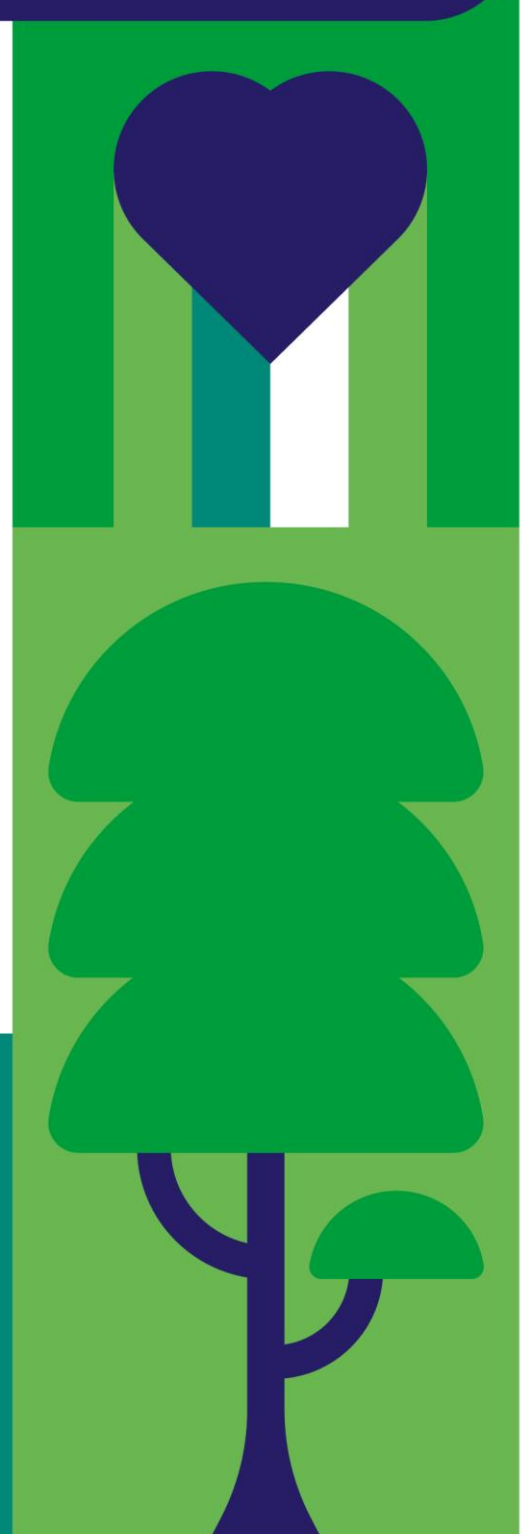


The Climate Connection

International programme for secondary schools - 2023

September – December 2023

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Background

Following the success of the Grayson Perry Programme for Schools in 2021, the British Council set up an international programme for UK and Dutch secondary schools which is linked to our global programme, 'The Climate Connection'. The programme creates opportunities for Dutch secondary schools to form a partnership with a UK school and work together on the theme of climate change and develop intercultural competencies. The first round of the programme started in September 2022. In September 2023 we will offer four new schools the opportunity to take part in the new version of the programme.

Aims and content

The goal of the programme is to strengthen teachers' access to resources, skills and networks to embed climate change, sustainability and building a greener future into their curriculum. Students increase their confidence when (daring to) communicate with international peers; listening, observing and interpreting; working together in international teams; build intercultural relationships and networks; and being involved in social issues at an international level. In addition, the project also contributes to the personal development of both the teachers and students involved in the areas of: self-confidence, creativity, curiosity, being open to other ideas and perspectives. Moreover, the programme aims to connect British schools and Dutch schools, and build long-lasting partnerships between school, teachers and students in the UK and the Netherlands. The suite of interdisciplinary classroom materials can be used in variety of classes, Science, Science, Citizenship and Biology. Dutch school may also want to include it in their English classes.

Timeline

Please find below the timeline for the programme:

Activity	Dates
Online introductory meeting between teachers partner schools	June-July 2023
In person meeting between UK and NL teachers at Dutch partner school	Mid-September 2023
Online workshop for teachers	October 2023
Online guest lecture for students	October 2023
Online workshop for teachers	November 2023
Hybrid closing event and school visit by young climate campaigner	December 2023
Evaluation	January 2024



Commitment from the school

The programme is designed to be flexible and suit the different needs of the participating schools. The suite of lesson plans contains 15 lessons and various assignments. For the international partnership to be successful teachers must deliver a minimum of 5 lessons to their students and have a minimum of around 25 hours available over the course of the programme. During the five lessons, the focus is on developing a local action plan. Please find below a suggested breakdown:

What	Expected time commitment
Introductory meeting with partner school and visit from UK teacher to school	4 hours
Regular contact with teachers at partner schools (1-2 x per month)	3 hours
Delivery of a minimum of five one-hour classes to students	8 hours
Supporting students to develop a local action plan and provide platform and support for communication between UK and Dutch students	3 hours
Taking part in two moderated webinars with students (guest lecture and closing event)	3 hours
Taking part in two online workshops for teachers	3 hours
Evaluation meeting with the British Council	1 hour

Commitment from the British Council

The British Council will provide the following as part of the programme:

- Recruitment of UK partner school and matching of Dutch and UK partner school
- Introductory webinar with UK partner school
- Visit from UK teacher to Dutch school
- Education pack with approx. 15 tailor-made interdisciplinary 1-hour lesson plans
- Two moderated webinars for students (guest lecture and closing event)
- Two moderated workshops for teachers (looking at intercultural competencies and creating successful partnerships)
- Co-organisation and moderation of hybrid closing event, including with school visit by young climate campaigner
- Ongoing support throughout the programme by email / phone

The cost of taking part in the programme is €2,000.

How can my school take part?

If you are interested in taking part, please contact the British Council to find out more and to receive the registration form.

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