

Bridging Cultures with Eco Learning Partners

**A recipe for successful
intercultural exchange**

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What is Eco Learning Partners?

- **Partnership project linking Scottish primary schools with schools in China**
- **Combines Chinese/English learning with the context of Learning for Sustainability**
- **Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)**
- **An opportunity for learners to share their learning with their peers**

Objectives of Eco Learning Partners

- **Innovative and creative approach to curriculum**
- **Relevant and challenging topics**
- **Create opportunities for **real** interaction with their peers**
- **Meet CFE outcomes across the curriculum**

2023-24 Participants

11 classes in 8 schools took part:

- 1. Braehead Primary School, Stirling**
- 2. Carron Primary School, Falkirk (4 classes)**
- 3. Clober Primary School, East Dunbartonshire**
- 4. Danestone Primary School, Aberdeen**
- 5. Kings Park Primary School, Glasgow**
- 6. New Pitsligo & St John's Primary School, Aberdeenshire**
- 7. St Cadoc's Primary School, East Renfrewshire**
- 8. Strathyre Primary School, Stirling**



How does it work?

- **Schools are partnered**
- **Teachers work together to plan learning (PL sessions provided for this)**
- **Agreed topic covered throughout the week**
- **Live link-up class to class for learners to share**
- **Chinese exchange teachers on site to facilitate live lesson**

Benefits of a project like Eco Learning Partners

- **Strong emphasis on building skills for learning, life and work**
- **Meets curriculum outcomes in Modern Languages, Literacy, Science and Social Subjects**
- **Quality resources from partners**
- **Enables schools to make **meaningful** connections with partner schools**
- **Increases motivation and enthusiasm for language learning**



What have we learned from ELP?

- **School partnerships can work and flourish without mobility**
- **Planning is key to success**
- **There are multiple benefits both for knowledge and skills**
- **This model is replicable and could work for other contexts**

Moving forward...

- **Mobility is great, but it isn't everything**
- **Are there themes in your context that could work?**
- **Planning is essential**
- **Benefits gained are definitely worth the effort!**

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