



Link Community Development Scotland Link Schools Programme. Curriculum for Excellence Experiences and Outcomes: First and Second Level

Throughout all my learning, I take appropriate action to ensure conservation of materials and resources, considering the impact of my actions on the environment.

TCH 1-02a

Impact of the Link Schools Programme

Link Schools explore conservation activities alongside their partner schools in Africa, sharing knowledge with their peers and reflecting on the impact of their own behaviour.

For example:

Children at Bridgend Primary School learned about recycling and became more aware about packaging and the need to reuse paper, yoghurt pots and looking after the gardens. They also had a package free day to learn more about life for their peers in Africa. *"I didn't realise how difficult it was going to be to eat lunch that had no packaging... I couldn't do that every day."* - P7 Pupil, Bridgend Primary School.



Having analysed how lifestyle can impact on the environment and Earth's resources, I can make suggestions about how to live in a more sustainable way.

TCH 2-02a

Impact of the Link Schools Programme

Pupils in Link Schools gain knowledge of ways of life in rural Africa, how farming methods, building, water and resource use impacts on the environment. Pupils in both partner schools can study their context and feedback with ideas on how to live more sustainably. Link Community Development has facilitated joint activities which encourage Scottish schools to create teaching and learning materials using locally available or recycled resources (TALULAR); drawing on the practice of creating education materials in African partner schools.

For example:

Pupils at Caldercuilt Primary School learned from their partner school how to make their own toys by recycling waste materials. They made footballs and toys using only cardboard boxes, plastic bags and string.

Technology

I can investigate the use and development of renewable and sustainable energy to gain an awareness of their growing importance in Scotland or beyond.

TCH 2-02b

Impact of the Link Schools Programme

From 2010, the Link Schools Programme will support the installation of solar power and laptops in hub schools in our programme areas in Africa to support rural school improvement. In 2010 Pupils in Link Schools will also investigate the impact and use of sustainable energy sources through the use of contextualised, interactive themed activity resources.

For example:

The Eco Schools group at Lochgelly High School plans to investigate environmental topics such as the use of sustainable energy and share their learning with their partner school in Malawi. The partners will have the opportunity to benefit from internet communication powered by renewable energy through Link Community Development's Solar Connect.



Toy cars made from locally available materials