

Multicultural Education for Children through Videoconference

KIDS INITIATIVE



“Kids Initiative” is a multicultural education program run by the Tokyo Development Learning Center to help children prepare for a future in an increasingly interconnected world. Schools in the Asia Pacific region are paired to facilitate exchanges via videoconference through the World Bank Global Development Learning Network.

By participating in this program, children will meet friends globally to learn, share and collaborate on a topic of mutual interest as well as develop ICT skills. Children propose the topic, plan the project and conduct activities. Instructors act as facilitators as well as interact with global professionals and gain access to international-standard training and toolkit resources. A TDLC Coordinator will provide expert assistance every step of the way to conduct a successful session.

Since November 2004, schools in Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea, Mongolia, Japan etc. have connected to discuss topics ranging from environment to fashion to peace. It is a truly rewarding experience to watch children light up as they give a Powerpoint presentation or engage in a Q&A session with their counterparts across borders.

The TDLC is committed to advancing multicultural education, and will work to facilitate a community of practice of experts convened through this program.

To ensure a successful session, a GDLN Coordinator will:

Register

Select partner school

---- help match your school with a suitable counterpart in the Asia Pacific region through GDLN

Plan session

---liaise with partner school to discuss program details and choose topic for discussion

Prepare for videoconference

----provide advice on creating a running order and moderating a videoconference. Studio set-up, all equipment will be operated by studio technicians.

Conduct session

For more information including schedule, cost and funding opportunities, please contact:

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A KIDS INITIATIVE Teachers Training Course developed by the TDLC is also available for teachers and practitioners.
Please see <http://kids.gdlnap.org> for the current schedule.