



Press release

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British Council funds school partnerships with UK schools.

The British Council has funded 83 Kenyan schools by linking them with their UK counterparts this year as part of its Connecting Classroom programme.

The schools have received more than 33 million shillings as part of the partnerships that are taking place in Nairobi, Nakuru, Homa Bay and Samburu counties.

Several UK teachers have been visiting their partner schools in Nairobi, Nakuru, Homa Bay and Samburu counties respectively.

Emma Roberts, a teacher from Wincham Community in Cheshire in the UK, who has been visiting Njoro DEB primary school, said of the partnership.

“This visit has been life changing from a personal experience as a teacher and this year is special because we are celebrating our 10 year relationship and it has helped make the kids and us global learners since we have shared our learning and life experiences.”

Her counterpart at Njoro DEB, Faith Nyambura also praised the partnership between the two schools for improving mutual learning between pupils from the two countries.

“This partnership has immensely helped our school and learners over the years because we have learned so many things from them and also built a library that has coming along way for the children in Njoro DEB. “

Connecting Classrooms is run in over 30 countries by the British Council in partnership with the Department for International Development (DFID). It works with schools across the globe to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to make a positive contribution to their world.

The programme enables teachers not only to teach these skills to children in their classroom, but also to visit partner schools in other countries to exchange insights and ideas on how to improve teaching and global learning in their schools.

Commenting on the partnerships that have allowed several schools in Kenya and the UK to successfully apply to take part in the Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning programme, Sir Ciarán Devane, CEO of the British Council, said:

‘I am delighted that these schools are taking on this excellent opportunity to develop their professional practice by collaborating with teachers from Kenya and the UK. Their

commitment to equip young people with skills and understanding for life and work in an increasingly global economy is to be commended.'

Students *are* working with their counterparts on exciting project learning about the UN Social Development Goals (SDGs

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Notes to editors:

- For more information about Connecting Classrooms, visit www.britishcouncil.org/connectingclassrooms or contact Schools@britishcouncil.org.
- Connecting Classrooms is a global education programme brought to schools by the British Council in partnership with the Department for International Development (DFID).
- It includes face-to-face and online courses, international collaboration between schools and funding opportunities based around global learning.
- The programme gives teachers and educational professionals the opportunity to develop classroom practice and develop ideas with like-minded teachers internationally.
- To facilitate collaboration face to face, schools in the UK can apply for a grant to take part in a project with an overseas school.
- By developing and networking with thousands of teachers across the world, the British Council aims to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and values to live and work in a globalised economy.
- The British Council has committed £17 million over three years to work across the globe. The UK government has additionally contributed £21 million to support partnerships between schools in the UK and developing countries.