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Main Themes:

- Making voices heard
- Decolonising the Curriculum
- Moving forward

Let's be honest - We've been here before...

How many times do we have to tell our stories before something is done? Nothing has changed in the last 30 years, why will it change now?

Be careful of tokenism.
Diversity is not a passing trend!
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What is inclusion in this context?

My white colleagues are happy to talk about inclusion, but not when I bring it up.



I feel I am constantly overlooked to lead projects for staff less experienced than me.

We are equally qualified as our white colleagues, but we are too often viewed through the lens of ethnicity.

Inclusive Culture & Importance of Language

Every day Microaggressions ASK YOURSELF You speak Where is Do you have an easier English so well! your family name? (joke) Is my curiosity worth from? another's discomfort? Say something in .feelings of not I won't even try That (food) looks your language belonging? strange/weird - what to pronounce is that? that! ...feelings of being outsiders? You don't look British where are you from? That's a ...feelings of always Are you an strange/weird being an 'other'? immigrant?/ When /foreign-name did you come here? Imagine being asked these questions or hearing thee comments day in & day out, even if you were born here? Where are you What's your opinion Has curiosity made a colleague disclose something that's from? on terrorism? made them feel like an outsider? Has curiosity unconsciously singled out a colleague AcceptanceNotTolerance or group? @9thCultureGal

TOWARDS CULTURAL COMPETENCY (REF DAVID ESTE, U OF CALGARY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK)

I acknowledge that ONE cultural norm - usually that of the dominant culture - is not that of everyone and I need to be mindful of not imposing mine on others.

I don't have to know about every single culture in the world but I have to accept that there are cultural norms outside of my own worldview that are not inferior/weird/strange/foreign - just different, unknown to me, and yet to be discovered.

I ensure that biases/stereotypes are not determining factor in my interactions & acknowledge that I have a lot to Unlearn & Relearn.

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What is the experience of our members?

My name is regularly mixed up with the other Asian lady.

I'm over qualified yet side lined for promoted posts. I feel isolated in my local authority, with no other minority faces I can identify with.

Interview feedback seems contrived and not genuine.

There are undertones of racism throughout the system.

Many BAME teachers leave the profession when they see the system doesn't support them.

Racial bullying is often not recorded in my school – forget recording it for staff!

If I raise concerns I am made to feel like I am being aggressive.

What questions do our members have?

Many organisations are holding these awareness events – what action points and reviews are being set up?

How will true change happen if the leaders that hold the power lack diversity themselves?

Decolonise the Curriculum

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How Diverse is your teaching?

Are you an inclusive teacher?

"I'm not racist - I treat all my pupils equally!"



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"We encourage diversity through celebrating cultural events!" Do you study the values of celebrations to your pupils, their lives, and the WHOLE community?

"We hold a variety of themed cultural events!"



What happens after the end of that themed week? How do you continue to embed it in daily teaching and learning?

"We treat all our pupils equally!"

TOKENISM does not encourage GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP.

Do you include the heritage & backgrounds of all pupils in your lessons, resources, language?

"We hold Black History Month!"



Stand alone days, weeks, months are not required when you successfully embed diversity across your curriculum!

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Yes they do! What does that mean in the classroom? "I'm definitely going to teach about slavery and Britain's part in the slave trade!"

Caution

Is that all you will teach? Be careful not to stereotype an entire community.

Include the contributions of black lives to science, art, politics etc.

What is decolonising the curriculum?



The curriculum was designed to celebrate the successes of the British Empire.

Our curriculum fails to teach the impact left on the colonies that the successes were built upon.

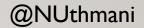
Our curriculums celebrate the achievements of European thought, without acknowledging the origins of that thought.

Our very Euro-centric curriculum denies knowledge of achievements and contributions of other parts of the world.





Global Citizenship Education@GCEducationScot





A One Stop Shop for Global Citizenship & Anti Racist education.

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/globalcitizenshiped/



Includes lesson planners to help embed values of diversity and sustainability into daily teaching.

Focus: World War II & The Indian Army

thave carried out investigations and surveys devising and using a variety of methods to gather information and have worked with others to collate, organise and communica the results in an appropriate way.

Expressive Arts

can select ideas and relevant information organise these in an appropriate way formy purpose and use suitable vocabulary formy audience.

I am learning to use language and style in a way which engages and/or influences my

Stage: Second Level

Social Studies can use primary and secondary sources relectively to research events in the past

I can discuss why people and events from a particular time, in the past were important, placing them within a historical sequence

Leaming Context Social Studies:

World Warll

oan create and present work that shows developing skill in using the visual elements and concepts. EXA 2-05a

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I can share my developing views about values such as fairness and equality and love, caring, sharing and human rights.

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Health and Wellbeing

I recognise that gaph in dividual has a unique blend of abilities and needs. I con tribute to making my school community one which values individuals equally and is a welcoming place for

ICT and Technologies

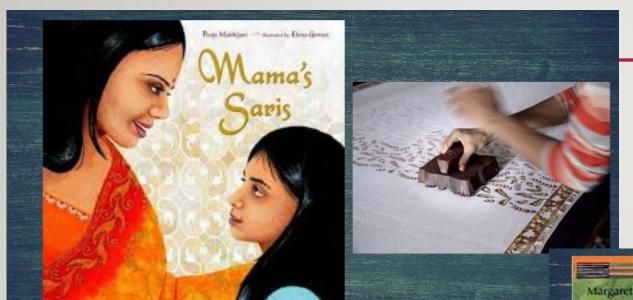
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Focus for Assessment

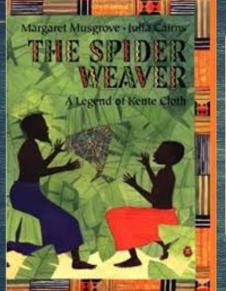
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Using diverse examples across the Curriculum



Learning
about fabric
patterns in
Art & Design





Diversity in Toys





Representation Matters!

Diversity in Resources

Important for all groups to see each other represented across normal life.

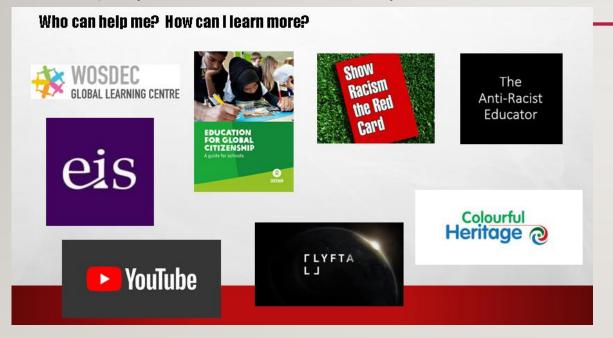


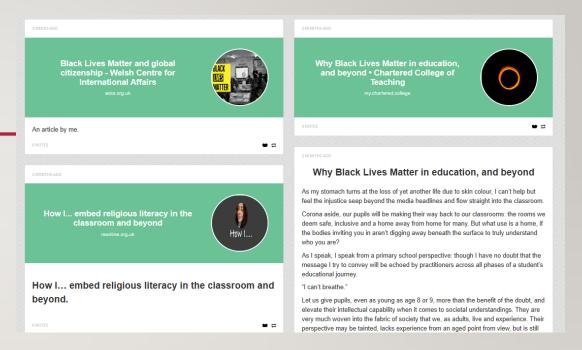


Recommended Links

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https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/globalciti zenshiped/recommended-links/





https://northafricanus.com/

No-outsiders Everyone Is Welcome in Our School

National Geographic Kids

BBC Bitesize

UNESCO World Heritage List

UNHCR Teaching about refugees

Tour the World - Official Music Video

I've learned a lot about Gypsy Roma Travellers from:

@therroneil

thestoryteller - Home page

Gypsy Roma Traveller History Education Pack

Friends, Families and Travellers

Jetpunk Countries of the World Quiz

Moving forward!

USUALISE the representation of minorities and different heritages in the school system

Minorites often carry the baggage of DISCRIMINATION. Encourage confidence by representing their heritage in a positive light.

Look far beyond our shores for examples of success stories and contributions – DECOLONISE.

Keep learning and develop DIVERSE networks to learn from.

Move away from tokenistic themed events, instead EMBED diversity in everything you do.