

Eastern Region Gifted and Talented Partnership
Climate Change Project

June 2007 – June 2008

Student criteria

- Aged between 10 and 14 – (June 2008) – Year 5 – Year 9
- Identified as Gifted and Talented
- LAC/vulnerable group **or**
- From same school as above students
- Interested in the project theme
- Able to commit to a year-long project

What it will involve

- An introductory day (June 23rd)
- September – 1 day meeting for whole group at central location
- Autumn Term – 1 visit by project leader to each school/student
- Parent/carers day to explain project – September 2007
- Spring Term – 1 visit to each student/school, followed by another 1 day whole group meeting
- Summer Term – to be confirmed according to conference requirements
- June 2008 – some members of the group may get the chance to represent the group at an international conference in Norway.
- There will also be a day for the whole group to present their findings in the summer term 2008 to an agreed audience.
- On-going research by the students throughout the year. They will be set tasks to work on and will be supported by the project leader. It is hoped that schools involved will have a member of staff who will provide on-going support to the individual students at their school.

Practicalities

- There should be no cost to the schools or students involved apart from time!
- Transport to and from the whole group meeting venues will be paid for as part of the project.
- Staff costs will be covered for whole group meeting days.
- Costs regarding the conference will be discussed separately. .. to be confirmed.

The project

The theme is CLIMATE CHANGE. Students will be asked to research the topic with specific reference to how they can impact change through their own environment and influences (home/school/locality). They will also monitor/calculate how much change they can effect. They will be supported throughout the project by the project leader – Wayne Talbot, who is an expert in this field and has delivered outreach for the Eastern Region. He has strong international links also. The end result will be a ‘paper’ that the group draft together, which will be presented to a special audience, one of which we hope to be an international conference on this theme in Norway in June 2008 (details to be confirmed – venue, dates etc).

The project will be funded externally, either by the Eastern Region Gifted and Talented Partnership or by another external funding source. It may be officially evaluated also –details to be confirmed.

Students will need to sign up to the year long project and be committed to seeing it through. Ideally we would like 2 children from each school (1 of which should be from the LAC cohort or from a group deemed ‘vulnerable’) as a minimum so that they can support each other, and a member of staff to oversee the project in between group meetings and mentoring by Wayne Talbot. We plan to hold a meeting for parents/carers in the Autumn Term to explain the project and how they can support. We would also communicate with the schools / teachers directly prior to the meeting of the finalised group in Sept 2007.

If members of the group do attend the international conference there will be funding for this. Details to be confirmed. (Not all group members are likely to be able to attend – that will be determined as the project progresses. Therefore students who know from the outset that this would not be possible should not be excluded. There will be a more local audience to present to also.)

The introductory day will do as it suggests – introduce the project and set the group off on tasks for the summer and up to the first meeting in the Autumn Term. The Eastern Region G and T Co-ordinator (Ruth Broomhall) will oversee the project and will be responsible for the practical arrangements, in conjunction with the key personnel in the authorities/schools concerned. (Not all students who attend the introductory day will necessarily continue with the project; they may decide not to or staff involved may decide it is not appropriate).

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