

Initiatives and Organizations that Support Collaboration between Global Classrooms:

Below are examples of organizations and initiatives that aim to connect U.S. and international educators in a variety of high-tech and low-tech ways. For more examples, you can visit the [National Peace Corps Association's Education Program](http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/resources/education/) (<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/resources/education/>) or find ideas on the [State Alumni](https://alumni.state.gov) website (<https://alumni.state.gov>).



- **iEARN (International Education and Resource Network)** is the world's largest non-profit global network that enables teachers and youth to use the Internet and other technologies to collaborate on projects that enhance learning and make a difference in the world. (<http://iearn.org/>)
- **ConnectAllSchools** is an initiative iEARN with the goal of connecting all schools in the United States to another school in the world by 2016. Connecting schools provides an opportunity for students to gain exposure to another culture as well as for teachers to incorporate ideas of global competence in the classroom and curricula. The website offers a platform for schools to share their stories and projects. (www.connectallschools.org)
- **WorldWise Schools** is a Peace Corps program for schools, offering speakers on global topics, correspondence with a current Peace Corps volunteer, lesson plans, teacher guides, videos and global education links. (<http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws>)
 - Peace Corps volunteers are matched with U.S. teachers to exchange ideas, stories, pictures, and artifacts from their experiences
 - Returned Peace Corps volunteers visit classrooms to speak about their experiences
- **Asia Society's Partnership for Global Learning** is an initiative to provide resources to educators and schools about global education. Resources include information on policy initiatives, world languages, funding, and strategies to incorporate global competence and global learning into the classroom. (<http://asiasociety.org/education>)
- **Around the World with 80 Schools** is an ongoing project to connect classrooms and schools in different countries. The website provides opportunities for educators to exchange ideas and connect with each other. Tutorials on technology to achieve the objectives of the project are also offered. (<http://aroundtheworldwith80schools.net/>)
- **ePals Classroom Exchange** is a site that provides educational technology and resources for classrooms to connect in a safe environment. The website serves as a location for schools to find each other and develop a virtual exchange, as well as providing ideas for project based activities and lessons. (<http://www.epals.com/>)
- **Flat Classroom Project** is a global collaborative project that joins together middle and high school students. The Project uses Web 2.0 tools to make communication and interaction between students and teachers from all participating classrooms easier. The topics studied and discussed are real-world scenarios based on 'The World is Flat' by Thomas Friedman. Four mandatory components for students include an audio or video introduction, a written collaborative report using a wiki, a personal multimedia response (digital story/video), and a post project reflection. (<http://www.flatclassroomproject.org/>)

- **Global Nomads Group** fosters dialogue and understanding among the world's youth. GNG's educational programs include video conferencing and videos for learning content on a variety of international issues relevant to teachers and students. All GNG programs are directly linked to school curricula, education standards and 21st century learning objectives, and are accompanied by lesson plans and training to teachers. Programs are broadcast during the school day and cover a range of topics in the curriculum, including civics, social and global studies, geography, world history, science, economics and politics. (www.gng.org)
- **The Global SchoolNet** aims to improve academic performance through content driven collaboration. Links teachers and K-12 students in meaningful project learning exchanges worldwide. (<http://www.globalschoolnet.org/>)
 - The U. S. Department of State sponsors the "Doors to Diplomacy" educational challenge to encourage middle school and high school students to produce web projects
 - Other projects include an International CyberFair and student-produced newspapers that reach a global audience
- **People to People International's School and Classroom Program** connects teachers and their students with similar-age classrooms in other countries to facilitate pen pal exchanges. (<http://www.ptpi.org/programs/SchoolClass.aspx>)
- **International Studies for Indiana Schools (ISIS)** is an innovative distance-learning program using interactive video (IAV) technology to connect international students, scholars, and specialists with elementary, middle, and high schools. The programs are "tailored," originating with teachers who contact the Program Coordinator to request the development of IAV programs focusing on particular topics. (<http://crlt.indiana.edu/isis>)
- **Omprakash Foundation** facilitates communication, collaboration, and mutual learning within a diverse international network of social actors. (<http://www.omprakash.org/classroomportal>)
 - Sponsors a database of global Partners (organizations, individuals) who can help teachers enrich their school's academic curriculum and service-learning programs.
 - Offer grants to help applicants build lasting relationships with international partners
- **Primary Source** connects educators with other cultures and peoples to promote the incorporation of global content into schools and curriculum. Programs include seminars, institutes, and study tours for educators. Primary Source also produces resources and curricula available for use by educators. (www.primarysource.org)