Online Collaborative Learning: The 2004 GSN Online Shared Learning Champions Speak Out

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GSN partners with schools, universities, communities and businesses to provide online collaborative learning experiences that prepare youth for the workforce and help them to become literate and responsible global citizens.

Started in 1981 by teachers
Shared learning is powerful!

Adam@Home by Brian Basset

I thought you were doing homework, not instant-messaging your friends.

I'm calibrating rainfall for the central African plains with a kid from a school in Russia and another kid from a school in Brazil.

Did I ever tell you how I had to walk to the library in a freezing rain to look up information for my school work?

Only a thousand times.
International OCL Community
from 100 countries

dedicated to . .

- Improving literacy and increasing student achievement
- Establishing collaborative partnerships
- Fostering global understanding
- Transforming students from passive consumers to productive contributors

*Communicate, Collaborate, Celebrate Learning!*
Defining our Terms

What is online collaborative learning?

- Creating an online learning community around a topic of study
- Establishing common goals
- Exchanging ideas or data
- Producing artifacts
- Providing feedback
Online Collaborative Learning
Theoretical Underpinnings

- Learning Theory:
  Constructivist, discovery, authentic learning (Dewey, Piaget, Vygotsky, Bruner, Wertsch)

- Collaboration Theory:
  (Johnson, Bruffee, Slavin, Trimbur)

- Computer-Mediated Communications Theory:
  (Turoff, Harris, Hiltz, Sloan, Riel)
Global SchoolNet
Online Shared Learning Award

- Recognizes teachers, media specialists, and other school-based educators who have distinguished themselves in the area of online shared learning

- Annual $10,000 cash awards and a trip to a national education conference to receive award
Joan Goble
Cannelton, Indiana

Global SchoolNet Foundation
Teacher Award Program

Veteran Telecollaborator
Karrie Dietz
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Recent Adopter

Global SchoolNet Foundation Teacher Award Program

Caring Hands in Uzbekistan

Uzbek Instruments
Sounds From the Land of Uzbekistan
GSN Support Services

Harnessing the Power of the Web

Harnessing the Power of the Web Tutorial: Teaching, learning, & implementation guides

Collaborative Learning Center Clearinghouse for free and low cost online tools and content
Collaborative Learning Center

Tools for Collaboration
- Tools Overview
- Audio
- Assessment Tools
- Animators & Avatars
- Blogs & Journals
- Bookmark Sharing
- Calendars
- Chat
- Courseware
- Databases
- Document Sharing
- Email & E-Cards
- Instant Messaging
- Lists & Forums
- Maps & Visualization
- Moos & Muds
- Photo Sharing
- Polls & Surveys
- Video
- Web Publishing
- White Boards

Content for Collaboration
- Content Overview
- Featured Projects
- Projects Registry
- Hilites List

Resources for Collaboration
- Resources Overview
- Articles
- Assessment Options
- Conferences
- Converters & Translators
- Forms & Templates
- Online Courses
- Research & Theory
- Tutorial

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Projects Registry

- Find or register a project
- Find partners
- Searchable by age
- Searchable by subject
- Searchable by timeline
- Searchable by keyword

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Focus: Standards-based, collaborative learning projects, geared to connecting US students with students and experiences worldwide.
Program Highlights:

**International Schools Cyberfair**

- Standards-based, community-oriented collaboration
- Builds & strengthens relationships between educational institutions and their local communities
- Uses Internet publishing to document original off-line research
- Increases real world, transferable skills; increases student academic achievement
- International participation; students ages 5-19 & teacher prep institutions
CyberFair 2005: Prepare & Unite!

Ways you can get involved with CyberFair

- View and use existing projects as resources
- Have students use the CyberFair rubric to evaluate other web projects
- Sign-up to become an online reviewer of CyberFair 2005 projects
- Conduct your own CyberFair 2005 project
- Become a CyberFair Affiliate Partner (district, regional, state, or national level)
Program Highlights:

Friendship Through Education

Organizations and programs aimed at helping youth interact internationally.

- White House endorsed
Thank you for listening!!!!!!

Sign up to receive our news letter!

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