



Eight Successful Years
2000 - 2008

Global-Leap/Videoconferencing in the Classroom Teachers' Association (Not for Profit) www.global-leap.org

Coordinating, Supporting, Developing, Delivering, Sustaining and Extending VC Content and Opportunities and Supporting VC Contacts and Promoting using Interactive Communication Technology to add value to Teaching and Learning Across the Curriculum in Classrooms Around the World.

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Happy Anniversary Global-Leap

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Thank you for your support during the last year 2007-2008. February 29th 2008 will be a special anniversary for your Global-Leap VC Content Resource for Teachers as the programme celebrates 8 years. When The Right Hon. Tony Blair MP, the then UK Prime Minister said at our launch, "This is the Future. We've got to make it work." he set a challenge that I hope I have acted upon.

"Global-Leap", on February 29th 2000 was the first education VC marathon of its kind, where we traveled on a series of "Global-Leaps" to classrooms across 5 continents. Subsequently, the round the world trip in October 2000 when I taught my class in the UK from locations in Japan, Australia and across the USA was another remarkable achievement. Global-Leap initiated and piloted the Museum Gallery and Archive programme for the DfES, and developed a range of international school collaborations.

So eight years on what have we achieved? What does your annual subscription enable YOUR Global-Leap Videoconferencing in the Classroom Teachers' Association (not for profit) (GLVCTA) to deliver to your classroom?

Your Teachers' Association subscription is used to continue to coordinate, create, support, develop and deliver daily VC Content Opportunities and VC Contact Opportunities to your classroom.

Our member schools have taken part in Global-Leap VC activities ranging from **"The Gingerbread Man" to exploring Human Rights and Genocide; from Active Shakespeare Drama Workshops to interviewing "Howard Carter's Secretary" for the class newspaper; from maths in a Baker's Shop, to interviewing Red Riding Hood; from meeting with Survivors of the Holocaust in New York, to sharing a pancake race with a class on the other side of the world; from creative writing projects with partner classes across the Atlantic, to sharing and presenting design and technology work with someone in another location; from Religion, Fairtrade, Global Footprints, and talking live to school children in Afghanistan, to meeting Santa Claus.**

The list of opportunities is varied and endless.....

The income raised via UK school GLVCTA annual subscription funds the **essential** far end support that classroom teachers, here and in other countries, and museum/gallery staff and our freelancers and presenters need to enable them to develop and maintain and deliver successful VC programmes.

Subscription funding also helps towards the costs and time involved in arranging and hosting a range of invited speakers, guests, and other visiting teachers and presenters as well as our offsite G-L sponsored independent freelance teachers and presenters and international links.

Office costs, telephones, website, test facilities, studio costs, travel and subsistence (as necessary) for guests, freelance presenter's fees and connectivity, and connectivity for VC studio and VC test facilities (ISDN and IP) and the JVCS bridging facility licences, administration, accountancy and equipment loan costs also require substantial funding.

Over the last 12 months your association has used your subscriptions to facilitate and deliver hundreds and hundreds of VC activities and advice and support to teachers and their classes. And we have continued to initiate and support many collaborative classroom to classroom activities for **your** school and for other subscribing UK members.

Your ongoing membership is essential, to enable this remarkable and unique programme to continue to deliver and extend these opportunities and activities.

If for some reason the teachers in your school have not yet taken that first step to get involved in these opportunities, please contact me today. Tel. **0208 866 6036** to arrange an initial VC link, and get started, and begin to explore the possibilities of videoconferencing.

The number and range of VC opportunities that can be created, sponsored or funded by GLVCTA is dependant on maintaining and extending the current level of membership and annual subscription income.

Please try and arrange your resubscription promptly, in order to minimise administration costs and time. If your school does not wish to renew it's membership or support GLVCTA, please let us know quickly so that we do not use resources on unnecessary administrations costs and postage.

Thank you.
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