

# WorldWide Network Funding Guidelines September 2008

## Introduction

In response to feedback from schools and networks, WorldWide is issuing a supplementary call for applications for funding in 2008-09 from networks of schools involved in linking or immersion projects with partner schools in the global South.

Based on the interest in this supplementary round, WorldWide may provide further funding for networks in the standard call for applications in March 2009.

## Aim

The aim of this call is to fund clusters of Irish schools involved in linking and immersion, enabling them to establish common approaches and best practice, to share ideas, and to add value to their individual projects, particularly in the development education context of those projects. This will be achieved through the sharing of information from individual school projects, the co-ordination and delivery of common development education workshops, and the dissemination of learning and experience from all schools across the network.

## Eligibility

In order to apply for this funding a network should include two or more Irish schools that are collaborating in order to share learning and best practice on linking and immersion projects. All schools in the network should be engaged in linking or immersion projects in one of the WorldWide eligible countries. The network must agree a legal representative to make the application.

## Activities covered

Network funding is to be used to establish clusters of Irish schools involved in linking and immersion, enabling them to work together, share ideas and experiences, and add value to their individual projects.

It cannot be used for activities and costs of individual projects between Irish schools and their Southern partners.

Any network application must include the names of the schools taking part in its programme and indicate whether those schools are receiving WorldWide funding separately. When the Grants Sub-Committee is assessing the funding applications from networks, it will take existing WorldWide grant recipients into account and will not double-fund any activities.

***Network Funding received under WorldWise may be used to:***

- ensure that schools across the network have common input into their projects e.g. common development education workshops and speakers
- provide/develop common materials and resources that are used to implement development education across schools in the network, either in the classroom or in common workshops. (Such materials must be in addition to materials/resources purchased by schools using grants for their individual projects with Southern partner schools)
- support network-related communications *e.g.* phone, email, postage and fax costs that are directly related to coordinating development education activities across the network may also be considered
- support dissemination costs: activities that enable schools across the network to share learning *e.g.* network newsletter, website, network conference focusing on development education in linking and immersion, open/themed days in participating schools, project exhibition, *etc.*
- make a contribution to staff time, travel and subsistence costs involved in ensuring the delivery of development education activities across schools in the network.

## Activity Period

Network activities funded under this call should be completed by the end of June 2009

## Assessment Criteria

All eligible applications will be assessed by the WorldWise Grants Sub-Committee according to the following ranked criteria :

1. **Development Education Dimension:** applications should show a detailed plan of how a development education dimension will be delivered across schools in the network including the themes that will be addressed and methodologies that will be used.
2. **Added Value:** how will network activities will add value to linking and immersion projects in participating schools?
3. Degree of **collaboration:** how will network schools work together, who will be involved from each school and what will be the level of involvement within in each school?
4. **Evaluation:** how will the impact and effectiveness of the network be shown?
5. **Dissemination:** how will learning gained be disseminated within and beyond the network?
6. **Sustainability:** how will the network sustain activities in the future?

## Grant amount

Grants are based on the number of schools in the network. The maximum amount per school is €2,000 and the max grant per network is €20,000

## Contract

A contract will be offered to the legal representative of networks approved for funding. Where a network is not a legal entity in its own right, a school in the network may act as the legal entity.

An initial payment of 80% of the grant will be made on receipt of signed contracts. Final payments will be made on receipt of a final report and relevant financial documentation.

## Deadline

E-versions of applications must be received by **17.30 on Monday 01 September 2008**.  
Identical signed copies must be received by **17:30 on Friday 05 September 2008**.

Applications should be forwarded to [worldwise@leargas.ie](mailto:worldwise@leargas.ie) and to:

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The decisions of the Grants Committee will be available by 15 Sept 2008.