

ERASMUS 



SCHOOLS

Funding opportunities for schools





ERASMUS+ FOR SCHOOLS

Erasmus+ is the European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport, which runs from 2014 to 2020.

Each year, UK schools and colleges providing general, vocational or technical education to pupils aged 3 – 18 years can access funding for exciting international opportunities.

Applications are also welcome from school consortia, school coordination bodies, and from local or regional authorities with a role in school education.

Through Erasmus+:

- **pupils can take part in international exchanges and study experiences, helping them to develop new skills, raise their aspirations and gain vital international experience.**
- **staff can teach, train or job shadow abroad, to develop their professional practice, build relationships with international peers and gain fresh ideas.**
- **schools can collaborate with international partners, to drive innovation, share best practice, and offer new opportunities to young people.**

In 2019, the budget available for UK schools was around 40 million euro*.

Please visit our website for details of application deadlines and full details of how to apply.

**Find out more about schools funding:
[erasmusplus.org.uk/schools-funding](https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/schools-funding)**

HOW CAN ERASMUS+ HELP MY SCHOOL?

- Inspire pupils and raise learning outcomes across the curriculum.
- Help meet the objectives of inspection bodies and national education priorities.
- Enhance professional practice for teachers and develop their leadership potential.
- Help staff to feel valued and energised.
- Expand pupils' horizons, raise their aspirations and boost their life-skills.
- Foster tolerance, respect and understanding of other cultures.
- Help young people strengthen their CV and prepare for their future.

*See <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/funding-results>



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SCHOOL STAFF MOBILITY FUNDING

Key Action 1

“Erasmus+ has changed the lives of staff and students alike in our school. Twenty-six staff members have job shadowed in Spain, Germany and Hungary, and attended training courses in Finland and Spain. They all came home reinvigorated, with new ideas that have helped to shape an exciting future at our school.”

Philip Robertson,
Head of MFL, Specialist Leader of Education,
International Development Lead, St. John's
Secondary School and Sixth Form College



SCHOOL STAFF MOBILITY FUNDING

'Interested in funding for professional development? Erasmus+ School and other staff mobility funding enables school teachers, managers and leaders to job shadow or teach abroad.

It is a great way to gain new ideas and skills, and to enhance professional development.

There is also funding for thousands of training courses, covering topics such as school leadership, inclusive teaching, mental health, digital learning, languages, supporting migrant and refugee children, and much more.

Projects last from one to two years however participant activity can last for anything from two days to two months.

The programme covers activities in the EU countries (plus their Overseas Countries and Territories), plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia, Turkey, and the Republic of North Macedonia.

Find out more at: erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-school-staff-mobility-funding

“Teachers come back with a completely different perspective; they learn how they can improve their own practice, pick up new ideas about how to organise classes, but most of all they get more enthusiastic about their job.”

Kevin McCabe, formerly Executive Headteacher of Jervoise School and Beechwood C of E School, now Director of School Improvement for drb Ignite Multi Academy Trust

“We believe that the opportunities afforded by Erasmus+ have made a significant contribution to us maintaining two Outstanding external inspections. The knowledgeable staff and the enriched curriculum were noted as strengths contributing to a whole school deeply committed to learning.”

Louise Lowings, Head Teacher,
Madeley Nursery School

“Erasmus+ is without a doubt the best professional development experience I have ever had. I recommend it unreservedly to my colleagues as an opportunity to develop their linguistic capabilities and build cultural understanding. But it's more than that, it's a way to engage with native speakers and make friends for life. Attending immersion courses has had a hugely positive impact on our teachers who have translated their positivity and enthusiasm for languages learning to the children.”

Victoria Fair, Principal Teacher, Wardie Primary School, formerly Erasmus+ lead at Buckstone Primary School



PARTNERSHIP FUNDING

Key Action 2



SCHOOL EXCHANGE PARTNERSHIPS

Want to discover new ideas, cultures and skills abroad? School Exchange Partnerships funding offers exciting international opportunities to your staff and pupils, covering:

- Exchanges of pupils: send groups of pupils on exchanges, accompanied by staff, lasting from three days to two months. You can also send pupils aged over 14 on longer-term exchanges of between two months and one year.
- Staff training and teaching assignments: send staff on short-term joint training events of three days to two months, and long-term teaching or training assignments of between two months and one year.

The funding covers activities in the Erasmus+ Programme countries. This includes EU countries (and their Overseas Countries and Territories), plus Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Serbia, Turkey, and the Republic North of Macedonia.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION

Want to collaborate with international schools and other partners on projects of shared interest? This activity enables UK schools to work in partnership with organisations across the Erasmus+ Programme countries (see list of countries above).

Projects should cover three countries or more and support exchange of practices or innovation, for example:

- Testing and implementing innovative practices for pupils, staff and organisations.
- Co-operating on curriculum development and reinforcing basic skills.
- Facilitating the recognition and certification of skills and competences.
- Developing active citizenship and entrepreneurship.

Find out more at: erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-school-partnership-funding

CAPACITY BUILDING: SHARING BEST PRACTICE, PROMOTING COOPERATION AND CULTIVATING NEW PRACTICES IN YOUTH WORK

As well as the funding opportunities covered on previous pages, schools can also access an additional funding stream focused on youth services.

The funding enables schools to work with international partners to share best-practice and drive innovation and improvements in services for young people.

Find out more at: erasmusplus.org.uk/schools-funding

“As a small rural school we are often asked by prospective parents about Erasmus+ and we are proud to tell them what impact a project can have. Erasmus+ is really special; being funded for a European project has changed the way our school works and transformed our outlook. It has greatly motivated our pupils to learn languages, increased their confidence, and deepened staff and pupils’ understanding of how other people live and work.”

Flora Ellis, Project coordinator,
Sherborne C of E Primary School

SHOOTERS HILL SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

TACKLING EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING

Through Erasmus+, Shooters Hill Sixth Form College linked up with schools from Turkey, Bulgaria, Italy, Portugal, Cyprus, Greece, Norway, Latvia, Lithuania and the UK, for a project addressing early school leaving.

"Our main objective was to find new methods for increasing motivation and creating a more supportive school environment to decrease the number of student dropouts," said Andrew James, Head of Training and Co-ordinator of Computing & ICT.

"Our school was one of those with the highest dropout rate among our partner countries, so we wanted to learn best practice from our partners to try to reduce this.

"We started by exchanging information, coming together in transnational meetings to share and analyse best-practice models. The group also took part in short-term exchanges and organised three annual trips for learners to travel and work with their counterparts across Europe.

“Other activities included student trips to universities around the UK, the formation of the student and teacher group and the creation of an ‘Erasmus+ corner’ to share their experiences with the whole school.

“Students with difficulties, who previously didn’t have opportunities to interact with other students, became engaged. Teachers, who used to feel that they only served as an educator, now see themselves as role models. Even parents have felt the impact, choosing to stand by the college to help their children achieve their goals in both academic and social contexts.”

“Our dropout rates have significantly reduced and all our key target groups have benefited tremendously.”

Andrew James, Head of Training
and Co-ordinator of Computing & ICT

YSGOL HEOL GOFFA

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAFF AND PUPILS

Ysgol Heol Goffa provides placements for pupils aged from 3 to 19 with severe or profound and multiple learning difficulties. Through Erasmus+, the school partnered with three schools in Dublin, Belfast and Edinburgh on a project to reduce the disparities in learning outcomes adversely affecting disadvantaged learners.

Ysgol Heol Goffa staff visited partner schools for training events to share teaching approaches. The project also involved pupil exchange visits – activities such as cooking and sports enabled pupils to work together and form new friendships.

“You can be so isolated in a special school so it has been wonderful to share practice with others. We go somewhere and see something and think, ‘we could do that in our school!’. We’ve benefitted so much as a whole school so I think it’s definitely been worth all the work,” said Ysgol Heol Goffa Deputy Head, Jan Oyston.

This is evidenced in Ysgol Heol Goffa's recent 'double excellent' Estyn inspection report, which said: "The school has developed outstanding strategic partnerships with special schools in the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Austria, Cyprus and Turkey. These provide pupils with exciting opportunities to experience overseas travel, make friends in other countries and learn first-hand about other cultures and traditions."

On returning from these international visits, the pupils engage enthusiastically in events to share their experiences with other pupils and parents, such as in open evenings where they showcase the language, food and traditions of the country they have visited.

“These experiences give pupils greater self-confidence and improve their self-esteem, communication and social skills. The school’s curriculum has been enriched by the wide range of teaching materials that staff and students have brought back from other countries.”



HOW TO APPLY



HOW DO I APPLY?

The deadlines to apply for schools funding under the 2019 Call have passed.

We will publish information on the 2020 Call on our website when details are available.

To find out more please visit erasmusplus.org.uk/schools-funding

HOW DO I FIND PARTNER SCHOOLS ABROAD FOR MY ERASMUS+ PROJECT?

eTwinning

eTwinning is a free online community, with over 700,000 schools and colleges from over 40 countries taking part. Through eTwinning, you can find suitable international partner schools for Erasmus+ projects, collaborate with other teachers and pupils, plus access professional development resources and classroom materials.

britishcouncil.org/etwinning

School Education Gateway

The School Education Gateway is a European Commission portal to support schools in planning Erasmus+ projects.

It's a one-stop shop, where you can access training courses, tutorials, teaching materials, education news and views – plus find partner schools in Europe and beyond.

schooleducationgateway.eu

Please note – the School Education Gateway is linked to eTwinning and you can use your eTwinning log-in to access it.



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