

Professional Development Resources for International Education

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages | actfl.org

ACTFL is dedicated to promoting foreign language and cultural studies as an integral component of American education and society. The organization conducts research and helps shape policy, but also offers many useful resources for classroom teachers, including workshops and webinars.

Annenberg Learner | learner.org/channel/chnnl_workshops.html

This site has teacher professional development workshops in many subjects, including math and science, and classroom resources on other lands, cultures and global issues.

Asia Society Partnership for Global Learning | AsiaSociety.org/Education

The Partnership for Global Learning is an Asia Society membership network that connects state and district decision makers, school leaders, teachers, university faculty, and other stakeholders. Its focus is to increase the number of American schools offering rigorous international studies curriculum. Curriculum resources and an annual professional development conference are offered.

Choices for the 21st Century Education Project | choices.edu

This project at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies strives to strengthen the American public's involvement in international issues. It offers a series of curricular materials that address current and historical international issues and provides workshops for teachers at the secondary level. Workshops are offered at Brown and at conferences across the country.

Classroom Earth | classroomearth.org

Classroom Earth is an online resource designed to help high school teachers include environmental content in their daily lesson plans. See listings of professional development opportunities across the country.

Cleveland Museum of Art | clevelandart.org/learn/distance%20learning.aspx

The Cleveland Museum of Art's impressive collection includes art and artifacts from Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America. See their on-line collection for digital access to primary resources and their online programs for other classroom tools and professional development opportunities including a course on how to use distance learning in the classroom.

Concern Worldwide US | concernusa.org/

The Global Concerns Project educates high school students about international issues related to poverty and development by providing teaching and learning resources and organizing multi-school activities and classroom speakers. The intention of the GCP is not to promote a single way of thinking, but to introduce students to many sides of an issue and to encourage them to think critically about the information around them. Videoconferencing support for teachers is available.

Council on Foreign Relations | cfr.org

CFR provides issue briefs, task force reports, podcasts, blog posts, educator conference calls and more on the latest issues in the world on foreign relations.

Facing History and Ourselves | facing.org

Facing History helps give students perspectives on not only the triumphs of history, but also the failures and tragedies. The site features multimedia resources, online professional development courses, study guides, an on-line teaching community and links to other web and print resources.

GlobalEdTeachNet | teachglobaled.net

This site provides annotated links to primary sources and web-based connections to the five world regions.

International Education and Resource Network (iEARN) | iearn.org

iEARN is a non-profit organization made up of over 30,000 schools in 130 countries. iEARN empowers teachers and young people to work together online using the Internet and other new communications technologies. Approximately two million students each day are engaged in collaborative project work worldwide. Since 1988, iEARN has pioneered on-line school linkages to enable students to engage in meaningful educational projects with peers in their countries and around the world. Online professional development courses are available.

International Reading Association | reading.org/Resources/ProfessionalDevelopment.aspx

IRA and its state and local affiliates offer professional development resources, including webinars.

Japan Society: About Japan Online Forum | aboutjapan.japansociety.org/

This site provides educators and specialists in Japan Studies a space for sharing, discussing and developing teaching ideas and resources about Japan, especially as they relate to K-12 classrooms. The site features thought-provoking essays; classroom-ready lesson plans; an area for asking and answering questions; resources including historical documents, maps and images; and member profiles.

Los Angeles County Museum of Art | lacma.org/programs/DistanceLearningPrograms.aspx

Designed to provide elementary and secondary school teachers with an opportunity to incorporate the visual arts into their curricula, the curriculum materials focus on special exhibitions or thematic selections from the museum's permanent collection. An array of online learning programs cover European, Egyptian, Ancient Chinese Art, and other topics.

Metropolitan Museum of Art | metmuseum.org/events/teachers

With one of the world's greatest collections of arts and artifacts from around the world, the Met offers many programs, activities, online workshops and printed and electronic information created for teachers and students. It also has on-line more than 3,500 objects from its collection and a timeline of art history.

NAFSA: Association of International Educators | nafsa.org/KnowledgeCommunity/

This site has professional development tools and forum boards to assist with not only study abroad (from how to encourage students to go to visa issues) but also webinars on topics such as optimizing use of social networking.

National Consortium for Teaching Asia | NCTAsia.org

NCTA is a consortium of university-based Asia studies centers that facilitate teaching and learning about Asia in world history, geography, social studies, and literature courses. NCTA works with a broad network of teachers in forty U.S. states (and growing). NCTAsia.org features teacher professional development, including online courses, and other opportunities organized by state and has many useful links.

National Council for the Social Studies | socialstudies.org

NCSS and its state and local affiliates offer professional development resources and seminars.

National Councils of Teachers of Mathematics | nctm.org/profdev/

NCTM offer professional development resources including E-Workshops which connect teachers around the world.

National Council of State Supervisors for Languages | ncssf.org

NCSSFL members actively engage in policy development and implementation at the state and national levels. NCSSFL developed LinguaFolio™, a standards-based, learner-directed, formative assessment tool used to record ongoing progress and, along with external summative assessment results, provides a comprehensive view of an individual's language performance and intercultural growth. Professional development on the tool is available upon request.

National Council on Economic Education | ncee.net/ei

The National Council on Economic Education's international program, Economics International, supported primarily by the U.S. Department of Education, provides educational assistance to teachers in societies in transition to market economies and also brings back insights to help teach American students lessons about the global economy. Instructional guides provide curriculum on international topics in economics for all grade levels.

National Geographic | education.nationalgeographic.com/education/

National Geographic has innumerable interactive maps, videos, and other materials on international geography and contemporary issues. State Geographic Alliances also provide professional development in your state.

National Science Teachers Association | nsta.org/pd

NSTA features state and online networks to "end the isolation of classroom science teachers." A robust listing of web seminars brings professional development to every science teacher.

Ohio State University | people.ehe.ohio-state.edu/mmerryfield/

Ohio State University's Social Studies and Global Education program offers an online global education course for practicing teachers in all subject areas. Taught by Merry Merryfield, the resources developed for this course are available to anyone.

Peace Corps World Wise Schools | peacecorps.gov/wws

Peace Corps volunteers and alumni contribute to creating learning materials for teachers and students, including lesson plans, reports from around the world, and in-classroom presentations. Educators use these materials to teach subjects as varies as language arts, environmental education, and international economics. Others incorporate them into existing study units, or use them as the centerpiece of an interdisciplinary curriculum.

Primary Source| primarysource.org

Primary Source is a nonprofit professional development organization working to bring global perspectives into K-12 classrooms across the country. A number of resources, including guides and curriculum as well as online courses and webinars, are designed to help teachers expand their knowledge and understanding of world histories and cultures. Some examples of online courses include:

- The Enduring Legacy of Ancient China (online course)
- Changing China: History and Culture Since 1644(online course)
- Thinking Like a Historian: Primary Sources for Primary Students(online course)
- Best Practices in Global Education (webinar)
- Highlights in International Books & Films for the K-12 Classroom (webinar)
- An Introduction to Global Environmental Challenges and Their Human Dimensions (webinar)

PBS | pbs.org/teachers

PBS features games and programs for children, but also provides higher-level resources for teachers as well as online professional development with an international bent.

Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies |

smithsonianeducation.org/educators/professional_development/professional_development.html

The Smithsonian Institution's on-line education center offers programs, services and resources for teachers and students. An easy-to-use website allows users to search by topic academic discipline, grade band and world region. Online conferences cover a wide variety of topics including climate change, space and critical thinking.

TakingItGlobal | pd.tiged.org/

These accredited e-courses are designed to support teachers in enhancing their understanding of and competencies in global education, explore why global education is so vital, and how e-technologies can bring the world into the classroom. (There is a fee for courses).

ThinkQuest | thinkquest.org

ThinkQuest, is a global competition where student teams (many of which are comprised of members from different countries) explore a contemporary world topic and create a website. Their professional development opportunities not only prepare teachers for the competition, but also offer lessons on how to integrate technology, project learning, and 21st century skills development into their classroom curricula.

Title VI National Resource Centers | nrcweb.org

Title VI national resource centers receive federal funding to promote the study of world regions. They offer professional development to teachers and to disseminate teaching resources nationally. Check the website to find one at a university near you.

UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History | fowler.ucla.edu/teacher-resources

The Fowler's collections comprise more than 150,000 ethnographic and 600,000 archaeological objects representing prehistoric, historical and contemporary cultures of Africa, Native and Latin America, Asia and the Pacific. Online units and summer professional development institutes are available.

World Affairs Councils | worldaffairscouncils.org/councils.htm

World Affairs Councils run school programs in conjunction with their local, regional, or statewide school systems. Programs include curricular resources, Model UN student programs, teacher professional development, study abroad programs, career seminars and more.

World Savvy | worldsavvy.org

World Savvy provides resources for teachers and youth on a variety of global issues. Professional development institutes and workshops show how to globalize content across the K-12 curriculum.

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