



Accreditation for global links

Frequently asked questions

You are a teacher or other professional seeking accreditation for the work you are doing in your global partnership

▶ **Accreditation – What for?**

As a teacher, or other graduate professional participation in a global link, you can submit the work you do with your partner organisation and gain accreditation. If you teach, this accredited professional development may contribute to your performance management objectives and be built into the school improvement plan.

▶ **What is involved?**

There are a number of routes for you to gain accreditation; the choice is yours. These include:

- professional development portfolio, based of DCSF guidance
- supported independent study (SIS) where you can use a project you are involved in to gain accreditation, either working on your own or with a group
- Action research.

▶ **How is my work assessed?**

Assessment is typically by:

- written assignment
- presentation supported by academic report
- professional development portfolio

▶ **What can I do with my accreditation?**

The work you do towards your global partnerships may contribute credits to a post-graduate certificate, diploma or a Master degree. You may use it as part of your continuing professional development and your professional association may be involved in recognising the value of the work.

▶ **How much does it cost?**

The cost may depend on where you register. You will need to consider whether you want a distant learning package or would like to register with a local provider.

▶ **What about teachers from the partnership school in South?**

There is an initiative to promote access to accredited continuing professional development in some of the southern partnership schools