# **British Council update - COALA meeting 24 October 2014**

Information on British Council's school offer compiled below with some key bullet points. Some information on our programmes can be accessed online:

**Language Assistants** website (<a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/language-assistants/employ">http://www.britishcouncil.org/language-assistants/employ</a>) could be a great source of information for you about Language Assistants programme.

Application process for modern language assistants will open in January.

## eTwinning: <a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/etwinning.htm">http://www.britishcouncil.org/etwinning.htm</a>

- New website launched
- Opportunities for linking with schools in local area; ie schools within the same clusters can link together to work on a joint project and if they wish include schools from another country
- Please contact Gary Shiells for more details: <a href="mailto:gary.shiells@britishcouncil.org">gary.shiells@britishcouncil.org</a>

Connecting Classrooms' offer: <a href="http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/programmes-and-funding/linking-programmes-worldwide/connecting-classrooms">http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/programmes-and-funding/linking-programmes-worldwide/connecting-classrooms</a>. It is worth noting that funding is available to establish partnerships with schools overseas through our Connecting Classrooms programme. The last application round closes on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

• Please contact Satya Roberts for more details: satya.roberts@britishcouncil.org

#### Erasmus+:

- Deadlines for 2015 applications have been announced
   (https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/sites/default/files/Erasmus%2B%202015%20Call%20Deadlines%20Decentralised.pdf).
- If you have not done so already, please sign up for newsletter to be up to date with all information on Erasmus+: <a href="http://erasmusplus.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=be3fd5a0ae021747cbad08b30&id=5b0a8c47ab">http://erasmusplus.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=be3fd5a0ae021747cbad08b30&id=5b0a8c47ab</a>
- Shall you have any questions about Erasmus+, please contact Liz Neil: liz.neil@britishcouncil.org

### **International Schools Award:**

https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/accreditation-and-awards/International-School-Award

#### Materials for schools:

Additionally, there is a pdf **wall chart** for schools to see which programmes may be best fitted to their needs:



Further information about all programmes can be found at <a href="http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org">http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org</a> where you can download free resources and project templates and sign up for regular updates and alerts if you haven't already done so.

You may be interested in our last year's publication on **Sustainable International School Partnerships**, which is available here:

http://issuu.com/british\_council\_scotland/docs/sustainableinternationalschoolpartnerships.

Finally, we are aware that some local authorities deliver seminars or events for staff pertaining to international engagement. Please let me know about any regional events and I will check if any of my colleagues working on school programmes could join and provide an overview of our school offer.

We hope these guides prove useful to you and inspire you to take advantage of the exciting educational opportunities we offer.

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