

resources guide

Children and Water Education



This list of resources covers a number of separate but inter-related areas. School sanitation and hygiene education is an important part of the curriculum in developing country schools, while water resources education is finding a place in developed country school curricula.

School sanitation and hygiene education

■ Water, sanitation and hygiene education...children and adolescents leading the way in Tajikistan

<http://www.unicef.org/voy/media/Tajikistan.pdf>

This case study describes the school sanitation and hygiene education programme in Tajikistan's schools, which encourages the formation of school peer groups and includes activities such as community water testing, health monitoring and photography.

■ Catch them young (Wateraid India)
http://www.wateraid.org/uk/about_us/oasis/springsummer_03/138.asp

This covers WaterAid's projects in two south Indian states, and suggests that the school sanitation and hygiene education component has been a strong influence in bringing hygienic behaviour and a demand for latrines to the whole village.

■ Water for People project – Guatemala
<http://www.waterforpeople.org/latinGuatemala.html>

American Water Works Association established Water For People in 1991. It helps local people in projects such as community hand pumps, school hand-washing stations, gravity-fed water systems, household latrines, health and hygiene education. In Guatemala the healthy schools project 'Lavamanos' is described.

■ WFP – Water for Africa
<http://www.waterforpeople.org/WaterForAfrica/WFACountryKenya.htm>

Africa Now's Child-to-Child model of health education has been incorporated in a number of schools, training schoolchildren to serve as peer educators in slum areas such as Kisumu, Kenya. On this site is also the tool kit developed and used for key informant interviews and focus groups by *Africa Now/Kenya* to determine the effectiveness of their project work.

■ Conserve Africa – water and sanitation

<http://www.conserveafrica.org.uk/water.html>

Conserve Africa is an environmental non-governmental organization that aims to promote sustainable development practices, policies and strategies in Africa through information dissemination, capacity building, education, applied research, advocacy and campaigning. Conserve Africa's activities include education relating to water and sanitation.

Water education in developed countries

■ Project WET (Water Education for Teachers)

<http://www.projectwet.org/>
<http://www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/files/memorias.pdf>

The aim of Project WET is to reach children, parents, educators, and communities of the world with water education. It provides curriculum and study guides, organizes workshops and organizes the biggest water education festival in the world, Make a Splash. Started in the USA, but including an international programme.

■ Thames Water – Water in Schools Education site

<http://www.waterinschools.com/>
Many of the UK's water companies have sites providing educational resources about water and sewage treatment for all ages. This one has links to information sites on water issues in developing countries, dealing with such issues as rainwater harvesting, sanitation coverage and more.

■ WaterAid – Learn Zone
http://www.wateraid.org/uk/learn_zone/

This site aims to educate children about water-related issues in developing countries. Materials are aimed at different age groups, and at teachers.

■ Learning Africa
<http://www.learningafrica.org.uk>
Learning Africa offers teachers learning resources and activities based on the key themes and recommendations highlighted by the Commission for Africa report *Our Common Interest*. The materials are drawn together by the UK's Development Education Association (DEA). In particular they include

the activities aimed at primary school pupils, 'Water Conservation' and 'Water and Cholera'.

■ AWWA <http://www.awwa.org/waterwiser/links/index.cfm?LinkCategoryID=3>

The American Water Works Association website contains many resources for water conservation.

Children's development organizations

■ ICA Canada (International Children's Awareness) in Africa

<http://www.icacanada.org/water.htm>
ICA has worked in partnership with local groups in Cameroon for the past nine years to help improve living conditions. Projects so far have included: building a secondary school; furnishing a medical clinic; and piping potable water to remote villages.

■ Water for Children Africa
<http://www.waterforchildrenafrica.org/>
This is a charitable organization dedicated to providing safe water for children living in rural villages in Africa, and fostering links between America's youth and Africa's youth.

■ Mexico 2006 IV World Water Forum
<http://www.worldwaterforum4.org.mx/home/childforum.asp?lan>
During the IV World Water Forum, children from around the world held their own II Children's World Water Forum. They presented examples of children's water projects from Kenya, Japan, Laos, Mexico and USA at the Intergenerational Dialogue session of the Forum. General environment/

Conservation links

■ UN Dept for Economic and Social Affairs http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/csd/csd13/casestudies/case_studies_sanitation.htm#hygiene
The Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD) describes case studies, such as the global School Sanitation and Hygiene Education, which began small but now influences national governments to increase coverage of sanitation and hygiene in schools.

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