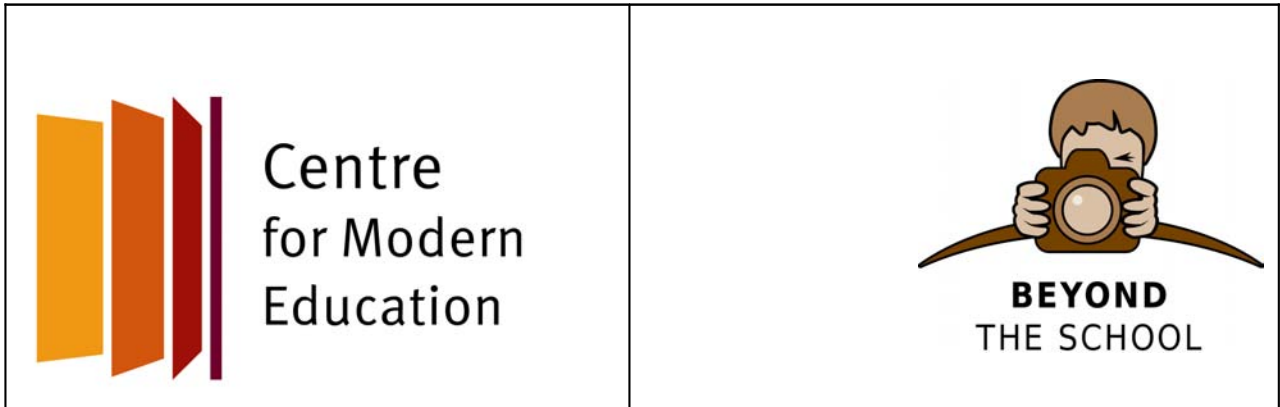


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On the heritage trail with a camera

Cross-curricular exploration using online e-learning

What will the Beyond the School project give you?

Do you want to carry out interesting field research focused on the development of your landscape, culture, history and architecture?

Using historic photos of local places and objects, students will search for identical places and record the changes which have taken place by taking new photographs using digital cameras. The school coordinator will discuss with the students the topics that they wish to explore, and the activities that they will undertake: for example these could include interviews with local residents and other members of the community, scanning the old images, negotiations with partners, searching for the locations illustrated in the old images, writing observations and commentaries and data collection, organisation and classification.

Would you like to give your students the opportunity to work with digital technologies?

During the project, students will use computers, cameras, video cameras, scanners, digital dictaphones, graphic programmes and web administration interfaces. The skills which they develop through this activity will help them with their work across the curriculum and in any other project – at school as well as in the workplace.

Do you want to develop cross-curricular approaches to local heritage issues?

Participation in the project and the educational modules that have been created for it gives opportunities to investigate local history, geography, natural sciences, social sciences, ICT, literacy and citizenship.

The Beyond the School Project will also allow schools and colleges to undertake work which could form part of Key Skills programmes in

Communication

Information and Communication Technologies

Improving own Learning

Problem Solving

Working with others

As well as contributing towards programmes in

Personal, Social and Health Education

Environmental Education

Media Education

And Citizenship

Do you want to give students opportunities to work in teams, cooperate with other members of the community (particularly people of different generations) and to share responsibilities?

The Beyond the School project is conceived as a set of activities which can be used to extend the extra curricular work of schools and colleges and other community groups. The project methodology and the e-learning course available for teachers will illustrate how best to motivate students for this type of independent extra curricular activity. The students themselves will improve their understanding of their own capabilities and their ability to work in teams.

Do you want to participate in the development of a regional, national and transnational e-learning project?

You will be able to upload the results of your project onto the pages of the Beyond the School web site, where it can be used for educational purposes in all the other participating schools. Likewise your own institution will be able to use the results of all the other projects for the same purpose. You will be able to search for the information about other localities on the web pages www.beyondtheschool.org.uk and follow the changes which have taken place during the course of the 20th century. Together these project results will form a huge resource through which you will be able to show the students the life of past generations and the changes to the environment. Through the web-site, students can communicate with visitors or with the creators of other school projects.

Do you want to motivate your students to have a deeper understanding of their local heritage?

The main aim of the project is to give those students who may have had limited experience of local heritage issues, a better understanding of the factors which have influenced the development of their local environment and community. Through gathering historical material, complex digitalization and archiving of data, through interviews and field research, the students will gain a thorough knowledge of the development of their region, which will help them to better understand the development of their local community.

The results of this work will be disseminated locally, regionally and nationally through the production of booklets and exhibition materials which will be made available to the general public.

What are the other benefits of the Beyond the School project?

If you become involved in a project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund you can obtain the funding needed for the purchase of the hardware and software needed for the project. This funding will also cover the cost of all the training offered to students and teachers to enable them to fully participate and to maximise the learning opportunities in the project.

What are the elements of the Beyond the School package?

E-Learning course for students

As a part of the project, students will be able to attend an eLearning course, much of which is based on games that focus on old and new pictures. This ensures that students get a better feeling for local history and for the changes which have taken place. It will also help to motivate them to work on the real project. Students will gain a basic knowledge of the technology needed to run the project such as scanning, taking photographs, working with graphical software and with the Beyond the School Project web site. There is a course component related to forming relationships and conversations with older people, with whom the students will talk to gain information regarding local history. Students will also learn more about the final exhibition and other forms of dissemination of the project results.

E-learning training course for teachers

This course will thoroughly prepare you to successfully carry out all parts of the project. The aim should be to enable the students to carry out all the project's activities with a minimum of direct intervention by the teacher or lecturer. Therefore, it is necessary to guide the students and to motivate them. Our course based on simulation coaching will help you to do that.

Methodology

The project manual will give a detailed introduction to all steps and procedures necessary for successful completion of the project

Graphic programme

In order to prepare the pairs of photos for quality morphing*, you will need a special piece of graphic software. As part of the project you will receive a license for the programme Zoner Photo Studio 8 Professional. In this programme, you can prepare the photos for morphing, adjust the colours, resize the pictures and rotate and invert them. Zoner Photo studio 8 is a fully professional graphical software package.

* **morphing** means *The animated transformation of one image into another by gradually distorting the first image so as to move certain chosen points to the position of corresponding points in the second image.*

Exhibition

In participation with your teachers and students, we will prepare a standing, mobile, light and resistant exhibition, based on the materials prepared by the students of your school or college. You can use this exhibition for the promotion of your institution, or you can join with other project participants and organize an interesting event for a larger area or region

Book

Every year, a "year-book" will be produced based on the same materials used for the exhibition. The book will bring together the results of research carried out by project participants in one school year. This "year-book" will also contain your texts and photos. You will receive a sufficient number of these yearbooks for free.

How can you join the Beyond the School project?

If you are interested in the Beyond the School project and you would like to introduce and test it at your school or college, please contact us either by email or the telephone number provided below.

The project can be funded through the funds of the Heritage Lottery Fund Young Roots initiative

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots/>

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