

Connecting Classrooms is a new education project of the British Council in Europe. In Slovakia it was officially **launched** in November 2010.

The main themes of Connecting Classrooms are:

- Inclusion
- International dimension in education
- Encouraging students to take responsibility in their schools and communities

In Europe the project will last for three years and will involve more than 600 schools 3,000 teachers and 300,000 students from 20 countries.

Connecting Classrooms aims to achieve culturally inclusive schools through close collaboration of students and teachers from various countries.

Both students and teachers will take part in training focused on gaining knowledge and skills to lead community projects based on the theme of inclusion.

In Slovakia the following schools joined at the beginning of the academic year 2010/11:

- Obchodná akadémia Sered', Mládežnícka 158/5, 926 01 Sered'
- Gymnázium M. R. Štefánika, Slnecná 2, 931 01 Šamorín
- Gymnázium Galileo School, Dudvážska 6, 821 07 Bratislava
- SOŠ pre žiakov s telesným postihnutím, Mokrohájska cesta 1, 842 04 Bratislava
- 1. súkromné gymnázium Bajkalská 714/20, 821 08 Bratislava
- Základná škola, 044 45 Bidovce 209
- Spojená škola, Opatovská cesta 97, 040 01 Košice
- Gymnázium Exnárova 10, 040 22 Košice
- SPŠ elektrotechnická, Komenského 44, 040 01 Košice
- Gymnázium Trebišovská 12, 040 11 Košice

The following four have recently been taken onboard:

- SPŠ stavebná, Konkolyho 8, 947 01 Hurbanovo
- Gymnázium J. Lettricha, J. Lettricha 2, 036 01 Martin
- Stredná zdravotnícka škola, Moyzesova 07, 040 01 Košice
- Gymnázium Park mládeže 5, 040 01 Košice

To equip students, future young leaders, with managerial and leadership skills, and their teachers, coordinators of this project, with an increased confidence in facilitated teaching three training events were organized for them in Košice, Bratislava and Sered'.

Slovak schools, organized in two geographically close clusters work together with similar clusters in Germany, Serbia and the United Kingdom.

Communication between link schools is secured at virtual space known as e-Twinning platform.

Project partner of the British Council in Connecting Classrooms is General Directorate of Methodology and Pedagogy Centre in Bratislava.

General information about the project can be found here:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm>