

NEW AND DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS



Anne Douque and Joanna de Jong Keogh, British Council Officers, The Netherlands

The Netherlands and the International Student Council

The Kingswood Partnership 14—19 DfES Pathfinder Project has established an International Student Council and is forming a student partnership between Kingswood and the Netherlands. This has been supported by the British Council Officers in the Netherlands. Joanna de Jong Keogh and Anne Douque visited the United Kingdom in October 2003 and attended meetings with members of the International Student Council Steering Group. Peggy Farrington, Headteacher, Hanham High School, visited the Netherlands in February 2004 to further develop this partnership and to work with Dutch headteachers and staff. As a result Kingswood International Student Council representatives will visit the Netherlands in April 2004 to meet and work with their Dutch counterparts.

European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) Graz, Austria

The International Learning and Research Centre is a partner with The European Association for Quality Language Services (EAQUALS) and the Goethe Institute in developing a training guide for Quality Assurance as part of the ECML's second medium-term programme 2004-2007. The trans-national team of five experts, led by Dr Laura Muresan, will develop the Training Guide and Trainer Training for Quality Assurance. This will support the consolidation of a quality assurance culture in language education across Europe and beyond.

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DfES Story Making Research Project 2003 - 2004 supported by the Innovation Unit

Twenty eight teacher researchers from schools in Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire are engaged in this project led by Pie Corbett and Mary Rose. The emerging evidence from the project classrooms shows the impact that the development work is having on the standards and quality of children's writing. A full report will appear in the next issue of the journal.

The teacher researchers are from the following schools:

Barrs Court Primary School, South Gloucestershire Frogwell Primary School, Wiltshire Ivy Lane Primary School, Wiltshire Longwell Green Primary School, South Gloucestershire Margaret Stancomb Nursery and Infant School, Wiltshire Marshfield CofE Primary School, South Gloucestershire Parkwall Primary School, South Gloucestershire Queen's Crescent School, Wiltshire St Barnabas CofE Primary School, South Gloucestershire St Paul's School, Wiltshire Staverton CofE Primary School, Wiltshire The Mead Primary School, Wiltshire Trowbridge Longmeadow Primary School, Wiltshire