



Mind the Gap – Project Summary

Mind the Gap is a European project, its aim is to bridge the gap between school and real life with reference to 'education for sustainability'. The project is aimed at children aged 8-12.

The overall aim is to increase the motivation amongst young people to learn and apply their learning to real-life. To address the needs to build the skills and behaviours for a sustainable future and embed school learning within the needs of the communities they serve.

For many EU members, Education for Sustainability is not a core part of the primary curriculum. Although there is some good practice, most schools focus on environmental knowledge. Mind the Gap aims to bridge the gap between school learning and real-life by embedding learning within contexts that are both familiar and relevant to learners.

Mind the Gap is a consortium of 9 partners, representing 5 EU member states. Each partner is a recognised expert in environmental education with good links to schools and the education sector.

The project uses five real life scenarios linked to 5 key themes; transport, food, consumption, buildings and social. These scenarios help students link real life with sustainability education. The scenarios are broken down into key questions and each of the European partners creates a 'web quest' around their key question.

Web quests consist of a series of activities which will be available to download from the Mind the Gap website. Each web quest should have some focus on learning outside the classroom as well as 'education for sustainability'.

By completion of the project the web quests will be in all partner languages and easily replicable. The project website will enable all users to add their own web quests to a content managed resource base, keeping the content dynamic and able to reflect local issues.

The project aims to target at least 7500 pupils