

## **Using Technology to Connect Students Around the World: E-Pal & Video Conferencing Organizations**

### **Creative Connections**

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Creative Connections is a non-profit international cultural exchange organization that facilitates class-to-class exchanges between American schools and their counterparts around the world.

There are three exchange programs available for classes of students ages 8-18: 1. social studies, English, and foreign language classes; 2. art classes; and 3. music classes.

### **Global-Leap: Videoconferencing in the Classroom**

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This non-profit organization is headquartered in the United Kingdom and is directed (& founded) by a former educator. The mission is to connect your students with those abroad. Global-Leap can find you a partner class, train your students, and bridge the actual video connection.

### **Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE)**

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The Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment (GLOBE) project is a hands-on international environmental science and education program, which involves a world-wide network of K-12 students and teachers with research scientists, all working together to study and understand the global environment.

### **Global Nomads Group (GNG)**

381 Broadway, 4th floor, New York, NY 10013

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Fax: (917) 591-6232

URL: <http://www.gng.org/> (It is NOT [www.globalnomads.com](http://www.globalnomads.com) !!!)

Founded in 1998, the non-profit Global Nomads Group fosters dialogue and understanding among the world's youth, using interactive technologies. You sign your class up with a particular problem/focus group for on-going dialogue.

### **Intercultural E-Mail Classroom Connections (IECC)**

Teaching.com, 400 1st Avenue, N, Suite 626, Minneapolis, MN 55401

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Email: [info@mightymedia.com](mailto:info@mightymedia.com)

URL: <http://www.iecc.org>

Intercultural E-Mail Classroom Connections (IECC) is a free service to help teachers link with partners in other countries and cultures for e-mail classroom pen pal and project exchanges.

Since its creation in 1992, IECC has distributed over 28,000 requests for e-mail partnerships. To date, more than 7650 teachers in 82 countries were participating in one or more of the IECC lists.

**International Education and Resource Network (iEARN)**

475 Riverside Drive, Suite 540, New York, NY 10115

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The purpose of the International Education and Resource Network (iEARN), a non-profit organization, is to enable K-12 students and teachers to undertake projects designed to make a meaningful contribution to the health and welfare of the planet and its people. Since 1988, iEARN has pioneered online school linkages by facilitating 4,000 schools in 90 countries to work together on relevant educational projects at a very low cost through a global telecommunications network.

**International Studies for Indiana Schools (ISIS): A Videoconferencing Project**

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URL: <http://www.indiana.edu/~isis/>

International Studies for Indiana Schools (ISIS) is an innovative distance education project which uses interactive video technologies to connect international students, scholars, and specialists at Indiana University with K-16 schools and community groups in Indiana and across the country. Programs are usually tailored to teachers' requests, free-of-charge, and can address any curriculum subject.

**Peace Corps – World Wise Schools (WWS)**

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The Peace Corps World Wise Schools (WWS) project is an exciting education program that seeks to engage learners in active inquiry about the world, themselves, and others, in order to broaden perspectives, promote cultural awareness, appreciate global connections, and encourage service. Since 1989, more than one million US students have communicated directly with Peace Corps Volunteers all over the world. Emails are the usual method of communication.

**World Pen Pals**

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World Pen Pals has been promoting international friendship and cultural understanding, since 1950, between grade 5-12 individuals or whole classes around the world. Teachers can have their students make a friend, learn about another culture, or practice a foreign language through correspondence. World Pen Pals earned the top category rating by Consumer Reports (Zillions Magazine) in the July/August 1999 issue.

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