

Responses to the programme

A specific, profound human story told in the form of a documentary film can make a much bigger impression on pupils than hundreds of words.

Helena Koubová, teacher, Secondary Technical School of Mechanical Engineering, Plzeň, Czech Republic

The documentary films help teachers to make lessons more interesting as they (the films) are based on real life and make students think. The methodology improves their ability to understand important social issues. Based on the social spot that we watched during one lesson, my students decided to organize an anti-smoking flash-mob in the school.

Gayanne Nigoyan, teacher, School #1, Nor Hachn, Kotayik region, Armenia

This is exactly the kind of activity that schools should offer their students. Very useful and educational.

Lauri Luke, student, Keila Kool, Estonia

Based on the film My Neighbors we decided to organize survey focused on environmental behavior. We asked hundreds of people whether they save energy and how. The results of the survey were presented in the local newspapers.

Karolína Camrdová, student, Gymnázium Pierra de Coubertina, Tábor, Czech Republic

In the beginning it was not easy to organize the screenings, but when I saw reactions of classmates who attended the screenings I was really satisfied.

Nomin-Erdene Jargalsaikhan, organizer of film club, Bulgan 1st school, Mongolia

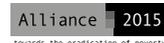
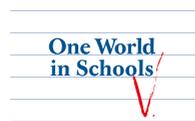
The first screening for younger students was a great success. We discovered that if the students are presented with a problem and realize that it is a part of their lives, they pay careful attention and show an interest in activities that can help bring about change. The post-film discussion was lively and interesting. The younger students shared their ideas on how to create a better society.

Ioana Andrei, organizer of film club, National College Costache Negruzzi, Romania



ONE WORLD IN SCHOOLS

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About the Programme

One World in Schools is an educational programme run by People in Need. Since 2001 the programme contributes to the education of responsible young people who are familiar with the challenges of the contemporary world, are open and critical to new information and want to actually influence the world around them. The main tool that the programme uses is documentary films. The experience of running the programme has confirmed that documentary films are a great way of initiating debates and promoting interest among students in human rights, global development education, the environment, media education, modern history, and other issues, whilst also enabling them to form their own opinions and attitudes. In recent years, the educational programme has been spreading beyond this country's borders and focusing on cooperation with organizations from other countries, which are interested in introducing the OWIS model in their national educational systems. OWIS has collaborated on educational projects in Lebanon, Estonia, Bosnia, Georgia, Armenia, Iraq, Mongolia, Macedonia, Moldavia and Kosovo. Currently more than 3,000 schools in the Czech Republic and almost thousand abroad are benefiting from the programme's activities.

What we do

Educational materials

- using documentary films or other audio-visual resources in education
- interactive educational methods
- advice and recommendation for use of documentary films in education, information on the issues with which the film deals, educational activities
- more than one half of Czech schools (almost 6,000 teachers) and hundreds abroad using OWIS materials

Seminars for teachers

- focused on using audio-visual educational resources
- accreditation by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport
- 8 seminars (180 teachers) in the Czech Republic, 2–4 seminars (up to 80 teachers) abroad per year

One World Student Film Clubs

- high school students' leisure activity – students organize screenings of documentary films for their classmates and prepare additional activities
- almost 50 student film clubs in the Czech Republic
- international network of film clubs (Poland, Austria, Mongolia etc.)
- more than 250 films

Student team projects

- youth activities focus on current issues and contribute to positive changes in society
- hundreds of student projects every year in the Czech Republic
- pilot projects have been launched abroad

Seminars for students of faculties of education

- practical examples of how to use audio-visual educational resources
- 15 seminars per year for more than 400 students
- pilot projects have been launched abroad

Student elections in the Czech Republic

- acquaint students with basic democratic principles (“mock elections”)
- parliamentary, regional, presidential and European elections
- more than 400 participating higher education facilities in each election
- know-how shared abroad

School screenings in the Czech Republic

- during the One World International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival
- for pupils of primary, secondary and higher education facilities
- accompanying discussion with a guest
- more than 50,000 pupils in dozens of cities per year

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