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**LindaU:** We are just about ready to get started... as soon as BJ gives me the official okay.

**BJB2:** would you like to start with introductions, Linda?

**LindaU:** I'll start by introducing myself... I'm Linda Ullah. I'm currently a school development coach for New Technology Foundation (Napa, CA) for our 10 New Tech high schools in North Carolina. I used to teach elementary school.. and did global projects back in the 90s... Then I taught teachers at Foothill College in Los Altos Ca. before taking this job.

**BJB2:** I'm in Pennsylvania and am a helpdesk volunteer

**LindaU:** She's also an incredible educator...

**AmakaN:** I am a student at TAMUK

**RabiyaA:** I am Rabiya Ali. I am a student teacher at Alief ISD in Houston, TX

**JessicaK:** I am Jessica Keaton. I am also a student teacher in Alief ISD in Houston, TX.

**FredPa:** I'm Fred Patrick, I'm a new Distance Education Special at a community college in Santa Maria California, and I'm taking a course in global learning projects

**TravisPa:** I am a graduate student at Cambridge College & a school counselor at a middle school in Courtland, VA

**LindaU:** From where are you taking the course, Fred?

**MaryG:** Hello, I am a college student at the University of Houston. I am finishing my last semester student teaching in Sugarland, Texas in FBISD.

**FredPa:** Azusa Pacific Univ

**MaryG:** and my name is Mary. Nice to meet you.

**BJB2:** looks like a good group, Linda!

**LindaU:** I'd like to start with a video clip of a student (back in the early 90s addressing a

UN conference in Brazil.... It gives a good rationale for doing global projects with students.

**AmakaN:** ok

**RabiyaA:** ok

**JessicaK:** Sounds good

**LindaU:** I hope you all are somewhere where you have access to Youtube.

**LindaU:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y96He0tISoM>

**LindaU:** Take time to view it.. I'll take about 6 1/2 minutes.

**FredPa:** ok

**LindaU:** I'll wait while you view it.

**LindaU:** My hope was that the technology would not be a problem.. This is a powerful speech.

**BJB2:** . o O ( very powerful, Linda! )

**RabiyaA:** Wow!!! this is really powerful

**AmakaN:** yes very powerful!! She is young

**JessicaK:** I know!

**LindaU:** When I saw this, I realized that this is why I believe so strongly in connecting classrooms around the world.. Why did you find this so powerful?

**LindaU:** How do you think it will influence how you teach?

**JessicaK:** She is so passionate!

**AmakaN:** Because she sounds so sincere and her points make sense

**RabiyaA:** Even though we live in different countries many of us share the same issues around the world

**JessicaK:** Exactly

**TravisPa:** The powerful thing is that she is the age of the students we teach. Our students would have a positive reaction to their own.

**RabiyaA:** well as a teacher we need to bring these issues out...which means being aware of them

**LindaU:** Think about the classrooms you work in.... How can you teach students to make a difference in the world?

**JessicaK:** They need to know about world issues, not just their community

**RabiyaA:** I think we have to be good role models

**JessicaK:** That is a good start!

**AmakaN:** I agree, if they see their peer expressing how she feels toward what goes on in the world, it will influence them to do the same and want to make a difference

**LindaU:** She gave this speech about 15 or 16 years ago.. She's an adult now.

**RabiyaA:** I wonder what she does now?

**LindaU:** Me too...

**JessicaK:** I was wondering too!

**LindaU:** Okay.. let's view another video.. This one is about 21st Century Skills.

**AmakaN:** ok

**TravisPa:** To get the students started, they could start making a difference in thier community, city, state, country, world. Teach them to start small then work broader.

**LindaU:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yCB4i7GJuM&NR=1>

**LindaU:** It's about 4 minutes long.

**LindaU:** Try to connect what these folks are saying with the previous video.. and think again about your classrooms.

**TravisPa:** That was awesome information. Simple, but powerful!

**RabiyaA:** I agree

**LindaU:** How can we use collaboration, cooperation and competition to help our students work with other students (in perhaps other countries) to improve the world--the world they will live and work in?

**LindaU:** No matter what the age of our students is?

**TravisPa:** Technology is so advanced that I'm sure it can be arranged via internet.

**AmakaN:** yes I agree

**FredPa:** using technology to break down barriers

**JessicaK:** Just like it showed on the clip...students using the computer/webcast/internet

**LindaU:** True Travis.. but it is not so advanced everywhere in the world.

**JessicaK:** Good point

**TravisPa:** The information is out there to make collaboration happen. Teachers must buy in to technology in the classrooms.

**RabiyaA:** studnets need to feel comfortable talking to students around the world

**LindaU:** Having said that, I was doing global projects back in the 1990s when the Internet was just new in schools and not as robust as it is today.

**JessicaK:** How? Did they write letters?

**LindaU:** Good point Rabiya.. How do we make this happen.

**JessicaK:** Travel?

**AmakaN:** traveling is good

**LindaU:** Okay.. I've left the web site up as an archive site.. I'll post the URL if you want.

**MaryG:** yes that is true, schools need to take advantage of the technology they have and other parts of the world that have access and learn more about the world.

**TravisPa:** email.

**LindaU:** <http://www.garlic.com/~lullah/brazilus/water.html>

**RabiyaA:** I think teachers need to show goodness in other people around the world by having students do presentations on different countries

**LindaU:** You'll notice that we used Tapped In....

**MaryG:** and not be scared or timid, or just not involved globally

**RabiyaA:** I think that would be a good start

**TravisPa:** do you want us to go into that url?

**LindaU:** One of the ways to start may be an ePals project: <http://www.epals.com/>

**LindaU:** You can look at my students' project now if you want.. I brought up because I did it with limited technology (compared to today)..

**LindaU:** The Brazilian students had IBM 386 computers.

**RabiyaA:** This is a great site!

**LindaU:** We had Macs 5200s... I think.

**LindaU:** You don't have to have the latest and greatest technologies.

**JessicaK:** Its amazing how much easier it easy to communicate to people in other countries

**MaryG:** oh wow, this is neat. I love how the project encourages students to investigate the water pollution issue and encourages integrating other ideas about the world and arts. Fantastic project

**LindaU:** any way.. I'd love your ideas about doing collaborative projects with students in other countries...

**LindaU:** Fred... tell us a bit about the course you are taking.

**LindaU:** I'm excited that Azuza Pacific is offering a Global PBL course.

**FredPa:** it's a course that we begin to learn about GLPs and by the end we're to have a proposal for one

**JessicaK:** Other than using the internet...I'm not sure where you would start

**RabiyaA:** yea I was wondering that too

**FredPa:** I'm in a little bit of a different situation, in that I'm thinking teacher to teacher projects

**LindaU:** The Internet is your main link..

**FredPa:** yes

**BJB2:** you can use the student campus in Tapped In as one option

**LindaU:** We used to do pen pal letters (many, many years ago) when I was in school -- the 1950s..

**FredPa:** I like the ePals idea

**JessicaK:** I had a pen pal in another state : )

**LindaU:** There are many projects you can join

**LindaU:** The resources in this room will help you find some of them.

**AmakaN:** I will join

**LindaU:** I'll highlight a few today.

**TravisPa:** I bet classes from two different countries could collaborate in making a website about an issue.

**FredPa:** yes, I looked around, there are a ton of resources

**LindaU:** First, look at: <http://my-ecoach.com/online/webresourcelist.php?rld=6499#3>

**JessicaK:** If I knew more options I could use them

**MaryG:** I also had a pen pal in another state when I was in elementary but not too interesting.

**LindaU:** Do you see anything on this Web Resource List that interests you ?

**TravisPa:** It would just take one teacher in the school to do this type of thing and it could catch on like wildfire around the school.

**JessicaK:** A teacher I observed had a friend in India and they would exchange student work to show their students what kids are doing in other countries

**AmakaN:** Oh that's a good technique to learn

**LindaU:** I'd suggest you think about your curriculum.. and try to base projects on what you must teach.

**AmakaN:** especially at a young age...kids take more interest in different things

**LindaU:** That's the trick.. finding partners who teach the same thing..

**RabiyaA:** Teachers from different backgrounds can work together

**JessicaK:** True...

**TravisPa:** Different holidays! Students could communicate with other students in other countries and discuss the closest holiday that is about to come up.

**RabiyaA:** yea

**LindaU:** When I did the project with the school in Brazil.. I did it with 3rd-6th graders..they did it with high school students...

**JeffC:** The K-12 room here has over 400 members... almost all of whom have a virtual classroom...

**LindaU:** Yes.. The school year can be different in other countries.. and there is the time zone issue..

**LindaU:** and language differences..

**JessicaK:** So what did your kids do?

**RabiyaA:** yea we have to consider these things as well

**LindaU:** Perfect, Jeff.

**JeffC:** post a call for collaboration there... also epals, takingitglobal, etc., and you're bound to get someone to collaborate with... or join online projects already in place (newsday, jason, etc.)

**LindaU:** awesome

**MaryG:** Your project sounds really neat, Linda. I also like how you had the younger kids work with the highschool students, which is what they can be excited about.

**TravisPa:** Teachers could collaborate with teachers in other countries and have them teach a math lesson, for example via video. I bet that lesson would hold a middle schooler's attention.

**RabiyaA:** and the older ones can guide our young ones

**LindaU:** Here is a project that caught my attention the other day: You might want to take a look at it: <http://burell9english.wikispaces.com/>

**AmakaN:** I agree, I know when I was younger I looked forward to working with older kids

**JessicaK:** I like the video taped lesson idea!

**LindaU:** I'd like to move you from the "lesson" to a meaningful project that has real significance..

**LindaU:** Think about the video we started with.....Think about her plea.

**TravisPa :** Citizen and character building.

**LindaU:** Notice that the Flat World project is an global writing project.

**JessicaK:** I like that! It would motivate students to work hard and do a good job

**JessicaK:** A way to showcase their work

**MaryG:** That is interesting, I would think a writing project would be quite difficult

**RabiyaA:** "Tell the aliens a good tale from earth, or face your country's

**RabiyaA:** annihilation" this is such a great idea...

**LindaU:** Why do you think that, Mary?

**LindaU:** Are you all aware of iEarn?

**FredPa :** yes

**AmakaN:** no...what is that

**RabiyaA:** no

**JessicaK:** No

**LindaU:** <http://iearn.org/>

**LindaU:** This organization sponsors global projects that have real meaning and the potential to help people's lives.

**MaryG:** I would think that writing causes more of a language barrier. No,

**MaryG:** Interesting!

**RabiyaA:** the artwork idea is good

**LindaU:** True, Mary.. but there are ways around that.



**AmakaN:** I agree, that makes things much interesting

**JessicaK:** So this is one way people could get money to do interesting projects

**AmakaN:** most definitely

**LindaU:** In other countries, students are more likely to have English skills, than we are to have their language skills.

**JessicaK:** Good point...

**RabiyaA:** Students can learn a lot about other cultures just by looking at their art works

**MaryG:** Oh this is really neat, art work is a great way to share ideas and feelings globally.

**JessicaK:** And not be blocked by a language barrier...

**LindaU:** BJ knows a lot about connecting people through art.

**MaryG:** True, Linda.

**LindaU:** I bet we can get her to share.

**RabiyaA:** WOW!!!

**TravisPa:** iearn seems to be a powerful tool to get started.

**RabiyaA:** I agree

**LindaU** agrees with Travis

**BJB2** grins....I thought you'd never ask!

**MaryG:** I agree as well!

**AmakaN:** go ahead!

**BJB2:** There is a group in Tapped In called Blanket The World with Peace

**LindaU** smiles excitedly.

**RabiyaA:** I am amazed because there are students from Pakistan who are on this and I am from Pakistan....who knew

**BJB2:** a group of teachers in the US got together and started this project based on the

theme of Peace through the resolution of conflict

**MaryG:** wow, that is awesome!!

**LindaU:** The world is full of surprises.

**LindaU:** Where in Pakistan?

**RabiyaA:** yea, indeed

**BJB2:** <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

**AmakaN:** yea, where?

**RabiyaA:** next to India

**JessicaK:** Yes..

**RabiyaA:** it's an Asian country

**BJB2:** a class or group can submit a "quilt" square based on the theme...

**AmakaN:** oh I know that

**JessicaK:** That's so neat

**LindaU:** What city?

**MaryG:** where in Pakistan are you from?

**BJB2:** and the quilt square can be linked to a site with more information or more submissions, etc from that class or group

**RabiyaA:** Karachi

**LindaU:** Let's take a look at BJs' project

**MaryG:** Yes, indeed!

**BJB2:** the Peace Blanket is just waiting for the world to realize what a great opportunity it is!

**MaryG:** Wow, BJB that is a wonderful idea. Very creative with the quilt idea and integrated technology within the quilt. I love it!

**MaryG:** This is quite inspiring!

**JessicaK:** Me too...

**AmakaN:** I agree

**TravisPa:** BJB that blanket the world with peace is great. My eyes are opening wider and wider by the minute tonight via this discussion.

**JessicaK:** I saw something like that at a museum here

**BJB2:** Anna Martin, who led the creation of the peace blanket, led a discussion at the Tapped In Festival in July

**MaryG:** Me too. The resources are great. I like the child art museum in Japan!

**LindaU:** There are many ways to do meaningful global projects with students.

**BJB2** agrees with Linda

**LindaU:** We are running out of time, but I hope this discussion has inspired each of you to go and do a meaningful global project with students.

**TravisPa:** These projects are character building as well. These are the things I need to have available for students as a school counselor.

**AmakaN:** I am glad I joined this discussion, I look at things differently, especially from looking at all the links given!

**MaryG:** I see and I am motivated as well as determined to begin one and I hope it is the start of many more to come!

**JessicaK:** I am excited to have a chance to do one of these projects in the future

**FredPa:** me too. this has been great. and I love the links too. Thanks so much

**LindaU:** Come back to this room and explore the links any time.

**RabiyaA:** This was great. I learned a lot.

**AmakaN:** I am not a Teachers Aide, but I am pursuing a degree so I can become a Teacher

**BJB2:** The next GPBL discussion will be November 20

**AmakaN:** I really look forward to the next discussing

**AmakaN:** ok

**FredPa:** me too

**LindaU:** Come back for the next discussion.

**MaryG:** me too! I will be here!

**JessicaK:** Thanks for all the resources!

**LindaU:** ;-)

**AmakaN:** I will be here!

**RabiyaA:** Thank you!

**BJB2:** Thanks, Linda

**MaryG:** Thank you!

**FredPa:** yes, thanks again

**LindaU:** Thank you all.

**AmakaN:** Thanks Linda

**JessicaK:** Thanks Linda

**BJB2** waves goodnight.

**LindaU:** good night all.

**TravisPa:** Excellent experience tonight. Glad I join in tonight. Thanks a lot Linda and BJ!

**MaryG:** Thank you, Linda and BJB

**FredPa:** good night

**LindaU** hugs to all

**RabiyaA:** Bye and good night!

**MaryG:** Bye and good night

**JessicaK:** Bye!

**TravisPa** : Good night & God Bless!