



RURAL EDUCATORS ACROSS BORDERS

Rec-i-proc-i-ty Proj-ect

Reciprocity Project Purpose: To explore the feasibility of developing a *uniquely rural* network of international teachers and school leaders that will work together in support of place-based instruction that connects learning to communities and the world around us.

Each leader has thousands of stories, and we look forward to hearing yours. During our first meeting in July, we heard many common strengths, as well as many common challenges from across your schools.

Your teacher, chosen for the *Rural Educators across Borders Project*, is collaborating with their “partner across the pond” on classroom collaborations focused on sustainability and rural resilience. Your creative leadership matters, supporting these projects as their students learn from each other – which provides an opportunity to diffuse that learning throughout your school. Working together as leaders will enhance this and help us learn together about effective international school to school collaboration.

The goals of this Reciprocity Leadership Project include:

1. Support and endorse your school’s teacher participation in the project.
2. Participate in a virtual Learning Community of international school leaders. You’ll connect with fellow school leaders to explore school leadership, beginning with evidence-based assessment and a holistic, learner-centered view of accountability which will lead us to effective assessment.
3. Meetings will be held monthly, and each leader is invited but recognize you might not be able to make all of them. We understand the life of a principal/headteacher!
4. Be willing to share with this cadre of peers about your professional experiences, local successes, and ongoing challenges.
5. Consider attending the proposed June /July2024 Conference in Wales.

Meetings will be held at 9 AM MDT (US)/16:00 GMT on the following Thursdays:

October 12	November 9	December 7	January 11
February 8	March 7	April 18	

Here’s the link to the Rural Educators Across Borders website (of which The Reciprocity Project is a part):
<https://iamaruralteacher.org/rural-educators-across-borders>

Looking forward to learning together,

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