# School open day and Falkirk Council showcase

Bo'ness Academy , Falkirk Council

9:30am – 3.00pm and then 4pm - 6pm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012



This CPD event offers practitioners and school leaders an exciting opportunity to visit Bo'ness Academy and attend Falkirk Council's Global Citizenship Showcase Event.

Bo'ness Academy is an inspiring example of a school that has used international education as a vehicle to engage the whole school in global citizenship activities. Through the Comenius Programme and other well established links the school has developed a rich international programme connecting it to countries across the world including: The Gambia, The Netherlands, China, France, Germany and The Czech Republic.

A focus of the event will be to identify and share the practical lessons and ideas that have helped the school move forward on its journey including:

- Making global citizenship a key priority in the school and a focus for the implementation of Curriculum for Excellence
- Using international links to explore important issues in a global context and to create engaging, meaningful and challenging learning experiences
- Developing strong international partnerships which can be sustained and which have made an impact on every learner.

Participants will have the opportunity to meet and talk with the Head Teacher, International Coordinator, staff and learners and also tour the classrooms and school. Time will also be set aside for participants to reflect and share their own experiences.

Following the open day event, participants will also have the opportunity to attend Falkirk Council's Global Citizenship Showcase event which will also be taking place in Bo'ness Academy from 4pm – 6pm. This will feature exhibitions and displays from leading organisations such as Eco-Schools and British Council and will showcase innovative global citizenship practice from many Falkirk schools.

## How to book

To book, please contact Megan Farr, Policy Officer, Falkirk Council. Email: <u>megan.farr@falkirk.gov.uk</u> or Tel. 01324 506671.

Places for the open day section of the event are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. **This is a free event!** 

# School open day

Bo'ness Academy Gauze Road, Bo'ness EH51 9AS

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## Programme

- 9.30 Registration and Coffee.
- 9.45 Welcome and introduction (Head Teacher).
- **10.00** Tour of school Participants given tour of school by pupils/staff in small groups including visits to classes.
- 11.00 Coffee break.
- 11.25 Presentation about the school's journey and activities (Head Teacher or lead co-ordinator).
- 11.45 Informal question and answer session.
- 12.30 Lunch
- **13.15** Reflection and professional dialogue Participants exchange ideas and reflect on personal experience in the light of the visit.

#### 14.45 Open Day - Close

## 16.00 -18.00 Falkirk Council Global Citizenship Showcase Event

"I found that actually being in a school and observing their good practice was invaluable. Seeing another school doing what I would like to do enabled me to take away and pass on real practical solutions and ideas that were tried and tested. It was a very inspiring visit, and was great to see the kids so involved with the projects."

Quote from delegate on a school open day visit