

Hitachi launches the Twinning Portal dedicated to finding schools partners for international learning collaboration

Hitachi Interactive Solutions is providing schools around the world with a truly international learning experiencing enabling pupils to communicate in real time with schools in other countries. Pupils will be able to learn with and from each other to support their studies and develop an understanding of what it would be like to live in another country.

Transforming how pupils learn by harnessing the full potential of new technology, Hitachi Interactive Solutions is facilitating the 'twinning' of schools using Hitachi Interactive Whiteboards by launching a website dedicated to finding schools partners for learning collaboration. "Its like a dating agency for schools" Hitachi's EMEA Sales Manager, David Zrihen explains, "Schools simply logon to the site and complete a short online questionnaire to establish their twinning objectives and they are matched with a suitable partner." The site also encourages the schools to upload their collaborative sessions and awards points, which can be exchanged for prizes.

Hitachi is hoping that pupils will learn through dialogue exchanged with their peers via video conferencing, online collaborative learning and email. Schools can use geographical theory and real life experiences to gain a true insight into other countries and cultures. "This project is a great opportunity for the pupils using Hitachi Interactive products around the world to experience and understand the equivalent of other cultures. It will enable pupils to see beyond the tourist view of a country, learning through real dialogue and expanding their horizons as a future world citizen." says Zrihen.

Schools will conference using Hitachi's interactive whiteboards which includes a module to enable easy data collaboration. Schools wishing to participate in the scheme can view the site at www.hitachi-twinning.com. For further information please contact Anna Legtchenko at Hitachi Software Engineering France [stbtrain@hitachisoft-eu.com], tel: +33 (0)1 53 82 76 10.