

An Overview of the GILE Newsletter: 100 Issues (1990 – 2016)

Over the past 100 issues, our *Global Issues Newsletter* has run an incredible number of articles, features and reports on global education topics. Here's an overview with highlights of items from the past 26 years. Many of these are available on-line. Others will be uploaded soon. Check these out at: <www.gilesig.org>

Special Feature: Teaching about...

Our newsletter runs a *Special Feature* on teaching global topics. Themes we've covered include:

- Refugees (#99)
- International Women's Day (#98)
- The United Nations (#97)
- Japan and World War II (#96)
- Destructive Cults (#95)
- Malala and Youth Activists (#94)
- The Berlin Wall (#93)
- The 1914 World War I Christmas Truce (#92)
- The 100th Anniversary of World War I (#92)
- The 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil (#91)
- Whistleblowers (#90)
- Global Issue Bumper Stickers (#89)
- Garry Davis: World Citizen (#88)
- Freedom of the Press (#87)
- The End of the World (#86)
- Territorial Disputes (#85)
- Celebrity Linguists and Language Learning (#84)
- The 2012 London Olympics (#83 / #84)
- The Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami (#79)
- National Apologies and Forgiveness (#76)
- Nationalism and Patriotism (#71)
- The 2008 Beijing Olympics (#69)
- Great World Trials (#66)
- Slavery and the Slave Trade (#65)
- Ludwig Zamenhof and Esperanto (#63)
- Education and World Teachers' Day (#62)
- Socially Concerned Celebrities (#58)
- World War II (#57)
- Natural Disasters (#56)
- The 2004 Athens Olympics (#53/54)
- Graduation Pledge of Social Responsibility (#49)
- The Nobel Peace Prize (#48)
- If the World Were a Village of 100 People (#47)
- The 2002 Korea-Japan World Cup (#45 / #46)
- Teaching about Terrorism and 9/11 (#44)
- Teaching Against Prejudice (#43)
- Human Rights Education (#42)
- World Religions (#41)
- The 2000 Sydney Olympics (#39 / #40)
- Landmines (#29)
- Sexual Harassment in Schools (#26)
- The Holocaust (#22)
- War and Peace (#19)
- The Environment (#18)
- World Hunger (#16)
- Women's Issues (#14)
- Christopher Columbus: 500 Years (#7)

Regular Features

Regular features of each newsletter issue include:

- Global education news and announcements
- Summaries of news and articles on global topics
- Language teaching textbooks on global themes
- Teachable moments: Key anniversaries
- Global issue calendars and datebooks

Sample Newsletter Articles

Since 1990, our newsletter has run hundreds of articles on a wide range of topics. I wish we could list them all! Thanks again to all those who contributed. Here is a brief list of sample titles:

- International Exchanges at Elementary School
- Teaching Fair Trade with Fair Teaching
- Teaching about the Syrian Refugee Crisis
- Should We Talk about Global Issues in EFL?
- Dealing with Stereotypes in Japan EFL Classrooms
- On-Line Games on Social and Global Issues
- Teaching about Gemstones in the EFL Classroom
- Teaching the UN Millennium Goals (MDGs)
- Going Green: The Paperless Classroom
- Hero or Traitor? A Media English Class Project
- Online Videos for Teaching about Global Issues
- Teaching Global Issues via TED Lite
- Promoting Tolerance in the Language Classroom
- Teaching Controversial Comics in the Classroom
- Teaching about Japan's Environmental Impact
- Global Issue Songs for the English Classroom
- Global Issue Poster Presentations
- Teaching about the Dangers of Nuclear Weapons
- Sex Education: A Necessary Aspect of TESOL
- Teaching Amnesty International in English
- Resisting the Exotic: Comparative Culture
- Israeli-Palestinian EFL Collaboration
- Global Team Teaching: Thailand and Japan
- Introducing Human Trafficking to EFL Students
- For the Ghosts of Oswiecim: A Visit to Auschwitz
- Hurricane Katrina: Language and Literacy
- The Original Ground Zero: Peace Ed in Nagasaki
- Global Issue Films in English Language Teaching
- Current Events in the Classroom: News and EFL
- ESL Peace Teachers
- Sharing Your Belief? Or Bible Bashing?
- Teaching about India with *Slumdog Millionaire*
- The Environmentally Friendly Classroom
- Cross-Cultural Understanding and Peace
- AIDS Education, TESOL and English Teaching
- Sceptical Inquiry, Reading Skills and Terrorism
- Peace Education in EFL in the USSR

- Human Rights: Education and Action
- Buying a Life for 700 Yen
- A Hippocratic Oath for Teachers?
- Apologies and Forgiveness in Korean EFL Texts
- EFL: Are We Uniting or Dividing People?
- Using *Families of the World* Videos in EFL
- Critical Incidents and Apologies Across Cultures
- Nobility for the Classroom
- Social Justice Projects: Think, Share, Act
- How to Organize a Charity Drive at Your School
- Using Commencement Speeches on Global Issues
- Hope for the English Teachers of Kosovo
- Finding the Hero in Ourselves
- Requesting EFL Publishers to Reduce Waste
- Global Issues and Teacher Education
- Teaching English for World Citizenship
- Saving the World While Learning ESL
- Teaching Esperanto for a Better World
- Taking Students on an Overseas Eco-Tour
- Go Wild! Teaching about Animal Issues
- War Protest Music in the EFL Classroom
- Volunteering for Tsunami Relief in Thailand
- Celebrate Martin Luther King Day at Your School
- EFL Students at a Model United Nations
- Global Issues Through Literature: Victor Hugo
- US and Iraqi Students Exchange Letters of Peace
- Click and Give! A Charity Website Class Activity
- Newspapers in Language Education (NILE)
- The Trading Game: A Global Economy Simulation
- Teaching Anne Frank in the ESL Classroom
- Words CAN Really Hurt You!
- Images of Africa: Japanese Students and EFL Texts
- Global Villager or Global Consumer?
- Teaching about Gender Stereotyping
- Teaching Peace in Okinawa
- Global Issue Songs in the English Classroom
- Assessing Students' World Knowledge
- Hurricane Mitch: How to Run a Charity Appeal
- Hot Potato: The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process
- Designing Environmental Field Trips
- Indigenous Peoples: Alive and Well in Your Class
- Peace Education with Dr. Seuss
- Ethical Investment: Your Money and Your Mouth
- A Content Approach to Teaching about Refugees
- A Non-Violent Alternative to the Game *Hangman*
- An EFL Peace Museum Field Trip
- Green Projects for a Green Classroom
- Teaching Global Issues through English Movies
- Experiential Roleplays for Social Awareness
- Nine Principles for Environmental Education
- Learning about the Third World through Realia
- 10 Ways to Teach Peace in the Language Class
- A Japan-Northern Ireland EFL E-Mail Exchange
- Teacher Roleplay to Attack Prejudice

Conference Reports

Each newsletter carries summaries of global issue talks at various conferences. These have included:

- JALT
- TESOL
- IATEFL
- JACET
- Pan-SIG
- PGL
- Linguapax
- AILA
- AJET
- PAC
- Shin Ei-Ken
- AYF
- IPRA
- IIPE
- Korea TESOL
- ETA-ROC

Key Documents

The newsletter has also served to publicize important documents on global education themes:

- Oxfam Guide: *Education for Global Citizenship*
- Oxfam Guide: *Teaching Controversial Issues*
- A Global Education Checklist for Student Learning
- The Graduation Pledge of Social Responsibility
- A Checklist for the Global School
- NCSS Position Paper: *Global Education*
- *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights*
- *Manifesto 2000 for a Culture of Peace*
- *Environmental Actions for Language Teachers*

Global Education Readings and Stories

Stories and reading passages we've run include:

- Stories to Make You Think Series: *Us vs. Them*, *The Factory*, *The Children*, *The Playground*
- Peace Ed Classics: *The War Prayer* (Mark Twain), *The Two Donkeys*, *The Exodus of the Foreigners*
- Prejudice Story: *Sun Children*, *Winter Children*
- Teaching Against Prejudice: *The New Doctor*
- *Philosophy in the Classroom* (Bertrand Russell)
- Reading: *Living on Less Than \$200 a Year*

Special Reports

Special reports on topical issues have included:

- The Arab Uprising: EFL Students in the Mid East
- EFL Teacher and Student Comments about 9/11
- 1995 TESOL Peace Education Summer Institute
- The Ecological Campus and The Earth Day Pledge
- Language Teaching and the Gulf War

Resource Lists

Our lists of teaching resources have included:

- Classic movies on cross-cultural themes
- Non-fiction EFL readers on global themes
- List of *No Nonsense Guides* to Global Issues
- United Nations DVD series: *What's Going On?*
- Global Issues in World EFL Textbooks: *Russia*, *Philippines*, *India*, *Brazil*, *Vietnam*, *Korea...*
- Books for Promoting Peace and Social Justice
- Visual Data Atlases on Global Issue Themes

Articles Wanted!

Please send in an article, a report or a resource that you recommend. Help us make our next 100 newsletter issues as dynamic as the first 100!

Call for Messages!

Help us celebrate our 100th newsletter issue by sending your messages of congratulations or appreciation to: <kcates@rs.tottori-u.ac.jp>

