

# Lesley Brennan



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## Application details

### Share Application Form:

This form includes a collaboration tool enabling groups of applicants to work together on collective applications. You can find the tool interface just to the right of the page divider tabs. This will show your user profile initials next to a circle with a plus sign. Click the plus sign to Invite Collaborators.

A menu will appear, asking you to enter the email addresses of your collaborators. Enter those addresses, add a message if required, then click Invite at the bottom.

Invited collaborators will receive an email, letting them know you've invited them to collaborate on a form. They will be required to create an account, or log in if they already have one. You should make sure your colleagues are expecting an email, and to check their spam/junk folder if they cannot locate the email after they have been invited.

The application Owner is always the person who has started the application and sent the invitations, and will be the *only user who can submit the application* after it is completed by the group. Collaborators will be able to contribute responses and save drafts at any time.

Official guidance can be found with this [link](#)

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The British Council is the data controller of the information that you provide as part of your participation in the International School Award programme. This means that the British Council is responsible for determining how your information is collected and used. The legal basis for collecting your data is;

that the processing is necessary for the performance of the agreement between the British Council and the International Coordinator as outlined in the ["What is the International School Award"](#) page

- Your personal data will not be shared outside the British Council without your explicit permission.

In order to achieve the necessary purposes outlined above, your personal information may be securely transferred and/or stored in the following locations;

- United Kingdom

The British Council complies with data protection law in the UK and laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. You have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information.

In some situations, you have the right to require us to restrict the processing of your personal information. You can require us to restrict processing in the following circumstances:

1. We are processing your personal data unlawfully and you do not want us to delete the information but restrict it instead.
2. You are concerned that the information we hold about you is inaccurate. You can ask us to restrict the information until we are able to determine whether the information is accurate or inaccurate.

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5. you think we are processing your personal information unlawfully, but do not want the information deleted.

You have the right to object to our processing your personal information for the following purposes;

- Processing for the purposes of direct marketing;
- Processing for the purposes of automated decision making and/or individual profiling.

In certain circumstances you have the right to require that British Council securely deletes or destroys your personal information (the 'right to be forgotten').

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Complaints about how we process your personal information can be considered by the UK data protection regulator, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted using the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, UNITED KINGDOM

Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Email: [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

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For further detailed information on how we process personal information, please refer to the privacy section of our website, [www.BritishCouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection](http://www.BritishCouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection) or contact your local British Council office.

We will keep your information for a period of seven years from the date of your last activity in the International School Award.

How did you hear about the International School Award?

I have successfully worked on gaining the full international school award at several previous schools

Are you applying from the UK?

Yes

Foundation Certificate:

The Foundation level of the International School Award is for schools embarking on their international journey. It is ideal for schools that:

- are introducing the concept of internationalism

- are getting ready to form an international partnership
- have conducted at least one international classroom activity

There are no deadlines by which to submit your application, however, the activity included must have been carried out in the 12 months prior to you clicking the submit button. You can see more about the eligibility criteria for this level [here](#).

Title	Mrs
First Name	Lesley
Last Name	Brennan
Email Address	<a href="mailto:admin@essendon.herts.sch.uk">admin@essendon.herts.sch.uk</a>
School Name	Essendon C of E Primary School and Nursery
School Status	State
Type of School	Primary (ages 5-11)
SEN Type	Some of our pupils have special education needs
Head Teacher name	Mrs Lesley Brennan
Website	<a href="https://www.essendon.herts.sch.uk">https://www.essendon.herts.sch.uk</a>
School office/admin email address	<a href="mailto:admin@essendon.herts.sch.uk">admin@essendon.herts.sch.uk</a>
School Address Line 1	Essendon Primary School
School Address Line 2	School Lane
School Address Line 3 City/Town	Essendon
School Address Postcode	AL96HD
UK country	England
UK Region	Hertfordshire
Number of pupils at your school	80
If you have a tab for international activities on your school's website please include link here:	<a href="https://www.essendon.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=International+Development&amp;pid=81">https://www.essendon.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=International+Development&amp;pid=81</a>

What is your motivation for applying for the International School Award?

I am motivated to apply for the ISA because I'm committed to developing a truly global outlook across our school community. I believe every child should have opportunities to explore the wider world, understand diverse cultures, and recognise their place within it. Through the ISA framework, we can strengthen international learning across the curriculum, build meaningful partnerships with schools abroad, and equip our pupils with the curiosity and empathy, they need for the future. This award will not only celebrate the work already taking place but also provide a powerful incentive for deeper cooperation, creativity, and global citizenship throughout our school.

At Foundation level it is not necessary to be working with a partner school abroad but we encourage you to start looking for one. You can use the [British Council Partner Finding Tool](#)

How many Partner Schools are you working with? 1

**Partner School 1 details:** St Mary's C of E Primary School  
Partner School Name

Partner School Address Line 1 Dellsome Lane

Partner School Address Line 2 Welham Green

Partner School Address City/Town Hertfordshire

Partner School Address Postcode AL9 7NE

Partner School Country United Kingdom

Describe how your partnership started and how you stay in contact

We are part of the same diocese with a very different ethnic mix and wanted to expose the children to different groups of children from different background. One one is a is 50% travellers from Ireland and 50% refugees and the other 25% travellers from different countries and 75% affluent white British. We play friendly matches with them and set up discussion groups through the school council and pupil parliament.v We shared the same church and together get involved with the African school and church they support.

Please describe one curriculum based activity with international focus. The activity should have taken place in the 12 months prior to your application date. The activity must be completed and evaluated before submitting your form.

The activity must show that your pupils' knowledge and understanding of other countries, cultures or global issues has developed and increased.

Extracurricular clubs and stand-alone fundraising activities are not accepted.

For Foundation level, there are no specific requirements for the number of learners that should participate in the international activity, nor a specific time duration for the activity.

**International Activity 1** Wonders of the World -Culture Cabin Celebrating Diversity

Title of the international activity

Teacher responsible Lesley Brennan

Is this a collaborative activity? No

Start date of activity	2025-02-02
End date of activity	2026-01-16
Subject Areas – Select all subject areas covered in the activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Citizenship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious Studies

**Number of pupils in this activity, by age range**

Please list the number of pupils by age that were involved in this activity.

Detailing the number of pupils involved by age range will help to show the impact of the activity across your school.

Your application will be deferred if this information is missing.

	Age Range	Total Students
1	Less than 5 years old	0
2	5-6 years old	7
3	6-7 years old	7
4	7-8 years old	15
5	8-9 years old	14
6	9-10 years old	15
7	10-11 years old	12
8	11-12 years old	0
9	12-13 years old	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>

10	13-14 years old	0
11	14-15 years old	0
12	15-16 years old	0
13	16-17 years old	0
14	17-18 years old	0
15	18-19 years old	0
16	Over 19 years old	0
Total		70

Please describe the activity that took place. If you worked with a partner school, describe how you worked together.

Children explored the richness of world cultures and major faiths through art, music, storytelling, food, and role-play. To see our world of wonders

The aim was to help pupils understand similarities, celebrate differences, to foster respect, be proud of their own culture and see themselves in history.

During History we related British history to world history related the the children's cultures in the school and their own family history, to see that history is for all.

Their work was displayed in a permanent school Museum and Cultural Cabin, which they created.

We worked with a partner school in the local area to share and celebrate different cultures as they are very different from our school with lots of refugee children.

What were the aims of the activity?

Appreciate cultural diversity within their community.

Learn about key beliefs, traditions, and festivals from major world religions (Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Judaism, Buddhism).

Express understanding creatively through art, drama, dance, and writing.

Develop empathy, pride in their own heritage, and respect for others.

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To develop a love of History and their family's or their cultures part in it.

What was the impact of the activity?

The pupils could see the similarities within their family history

They were able to celebrate differences and really enjoyed comparing, contrasting and making links to other cultures.

The pupils have increased respect for each others background and are now proud of their own culture and see their family's culture as part of history - seeing where we all interlink.

Pupils now have "Awe and Wonder" in the History Curriculum.

Are you are resubmitting a deferred application?  Not Relevant

I would like to be sent details of British Council activities, services and events.

Thank you for taking the time to complete your application for the International School Award. Once you press the submit button below your application will be sent in for assessment, which can take up to six weeks to complete.

After this six-week timeframe, you will receive an email with the assessment decision and feedback. If more than six weeks have passed and you have not received your outcome email, please contact us via the email below.

Please get in touch with us should you have any questions or need advice. Email [isa@britishcouncil.org](mailto:isa@britishcouncil.org)

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