

How can I incorporate more IU into my MFL lessons?

1. Topic-based MFL and IU

Taking the topic of 'school', why not search on YouTube for relevant clips and adverts? You will find wonderful songs such as 'A l'école' by the Senegalese singer Metzo Djatah. This song could act as a hook into the topic of school and, linking into the UNICEF Convention of the Rights of a Child, provides a reminder to children that education is a right that not everyone shares.



For more ideas and accompanying resources see: <http://tinyurl.com/FrIU1> and <http://tinyurl.com/FrIU2> (French), <http://tinyurl.com/SchLunchWorld> (non-language specific).

If you were teaching the topic of 'Food and Drink', why not use Peter Menzel's fabulous photos of food around the world? Students will learn about similarities and differences in diet and recap vocabulary relating to countries. See www.menzelphoto.com/galleries/ and www.tinyurl.com/germanblog and www.tinyurl.com/frenchblog for ready-to-use IU food resources in German and French.

2. Cultural Events on the MFL calendar

- In February, look at Valentine's Traditions in the TL (Target Language) country or explore UNICEF Day for Change on 3rd February (<http://tinyurl.com/DfCUNICEF>).
- 1st March celebrates World Book Day – ask your students to read books and articles which focus on life in the TL country.
- 7th April is World Health Day – link this with the topic of body parts and illness.
- 26th April is the start of Global Education Action Week – you could join the campaign 'Send my friend to school' and adapt the materials to use in your MFL classes. For a free resource pack visit www.sendmyfriend.org/.
- 15th May is International Day of Families – explore the importance of family life in the TL country.





Useful websites:

www.momes.net/ (French)

www.blinde-kuh.de/ (German)

<http://taggalaxy.de/> (an amazing source of image prompts from around the globe)

Many charitable organizations present ideas and resources on global citizenship suitable for use in MFL:

www.oxfam.org.uk/education/gc/

<http://plan-international.org/about-plan/resources>

www.cafod.org.uk/secondary/mfl

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