

Primary Research Guidance and Information

Introduction

This document supports the Getting Started with Primary Geography Research page on the GA website <http://www.geography.org.uk/eyprimary/primaryresearch/gettingstarted/>

It includes:

- Sources of articles online and in print for your literature search
- A database of websites connected with research

Many other large databases exist which can be accessed by your institution's librarians, but these are usually too time consuming for small research projects.

You may also wish to read [Place Attachment, Place Identity and the Development of the Child's Self-identity: Searching the literature to develop an hypothesis](#) , a useful article by Professor Christopher Spencer which guides you through the process of working out the required structure of your investigation, no matter how small.

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Electronic collections and search tools

Electronic databases provide tools for searching multiple resources (mainly journals but also including conference proceedings and reports).

British Education Index

Brotherton Library, University of Leeds

Leeds, LS2 9JT

Tel +44 (0) 113 343 5525

Email bei@leeds.ac.uk

Web <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/bei/>

A comprehensive index to the contents of 300 British and some European English language education and training journals. Coverage ranges from early years to adult education and includes education management literature. The database contains article references but not the full text. The index is available as a subscription print journal and online - institutions usually have subscriptions.

Several other free collections are available through the University of Leeds website including:

British Education Internet Resource Catalogue

<http://brs.leeds.ac.uk/~ecits/beir.html>

A freely accessible database of information about professionally evaluated and described websites which support educational research, policy and practice. The Catalogue provides descriptions and hyperlinks for evaluated internet resources within an indexed database. The collection aims to list and describe significant information resources.

Education-line

<http://www.leeds.ac.uk/educol/BEID.html>

A collection of 'grey literature' meaning that the research may not yet have undergone a quality control process e.g. peer review. It is a freely accessible database of the full text of conference papers, working papers and electronic literature which supports educational research, policy and practice. Register of Research in Primary Geography (RRPG) papers are held here: Occasional Papers 1, 2, & 4 and Special Publication. Browse under keyword, author or title.

BUBL LINK

<http://bubl.ac.uk/>

Catalogue of selected web resources covering all academic subject areas. BUBL uses the Dewey Decimal Classification system as the primary organisation structure for its catalogue of Internet resources, e.g.

Social Sciences 300 <http://bubl.ac.uk/link/linkbrowse.cfm?menuid=2822>

Geography and History 900 <http://bubl.ac.uk/link/linkbrowse.cfm?menuid=11367>

Current Education Research Database (CERUK)

<http://www.ceruk.ac.uk/index.asp>

A branch of NFER, CERUK is a database of current or ongoing research in education and related disciplines. It covers a wide range of studies including commissioned research and PhD theses, across all phases of education from early years to adults. NB The database is no longer being updated so may not reflect current research.

CERUKplus is a free, online database of current education and children's services research since 2000 in the UK. It covers individual PhD studies, as well as long term, large-scale research such as national surveys. CERUKplus is a resource for commissioners and users of research, and researchers currently conducting studies. It can also provide you with email alerts in up to five areas of interest. http://www.ceruk.ac.uk/email_alerts.asp - but see NB above.

Educational Evidence Portal (eep)

<http://www.eep.ac.uk/dnn2/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

This website aims to provide educational evidence from a range of reputable sources using a single search. It is designed for both professional and lay people interested in education and children's services. A demonstration on how to get the most out of the portal can be accessed from the homepage. You can register for email updates by clicking the small white button in the top right hand corner. The portal is being developed and expanded continuously. New content is added on a weekly basis. eep is in touch with the National Archive and key libraries to ensure that links are maintained to documents from contributing organisations which are no longer operating.

- Search for websites either by keyword or from a list which at the moment includes 52 sites.
<http://www.eep.ac.uk/dnn2/Searcheeep/Searchwebsites/tabid/61/Default.aspx>
- You can also search a database of articles etc. by title, author, date, subject, type or phase. It is not currently possible to search the full text of the database but this is planned for the future.
<http://www.eep.ac.uk/dnn2/Searcheeep/Searcheeepdatabase/tabid/62/Default.aspx>
- A useful prototype research resource pathfinder tool can be found at
<http://www.eep.ac.uk/dnn2/Abouteeep/ResearchResourcePathfinder/tabid/350/Default.aspx>

This portal was developed for DfE by NFER and is still in developmental stage.

ERIC Education Resources Information Center

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

ERIC is a US government funded database and covers some UK research. ERIC provides unlimited access to more than 1.3 million bibliographic records of journal articles and other education-related materials, with hundreds of new records added multiple times per week, available in full-text at no cost. If available, links to full text are included. There is also a growing number of research digests.

The Educator's Reference Desk

<http://www.eduref.org/Eric/>

This is an independent personalised internet-based service from the US, providing education information including an article ordering service. Although previously known as Ask Eric, The Educators Reference Desk is not affiliated with or funded by the ERIC program or the United States Department of Education. See above.

Educational Research Abstracts (ERA)

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/era/>

ERA is a comprehensive database comprising specially selected high-quality abstracts which cover current international research in education. This is available on subscription - ask at your university inter library loan desk.

Abstracts are categorised into the following files: Child Development, Educational Management, Educational Technology, Health Education, Higher Education, Literacy, Multicultural Education, Sociology of Education, Special Needs and Technical Education and Training.

Intute: Social Sciences: (with Social Science Information Gateway (SOSIG))

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/education/>

Lists web resources by type and subject with links to all significant journals, organisations and resource guides in the social sciences. No new resources are being added to the catalogue, but existing resources will be checked and broken links will be fixed until July 2011. Covers all branches of education and research methods including Primary Education <http://www.intute.ac.uk/cgi-bin/browse.pl?id=120987> for which there are 78 entries. Relevant entries are shown in the web guidance and this list.

The British Library

<http://blpc.bl.uk/>

Location 1

The British Library, St Pancras,
96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB

Location 2

British Library Newspapers
Colindale Avenue, London, NW9 5HE

Location 3

The British Library,
Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire
LS23 7BQ
(Essentially stack)

Telephone and email

Switchboard: 0843 208 1144

Customer Services: 01937 546 060

Email: Customer-Services@bl.uk

<http://blpc.bl.uk/aboutus/contact/index.html#reader>

The site offers a range of document search facilities including Inside:

<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/atyourdesk/docsupply/productsservices/inside/>, a subscription service that makes available articles from over 1,000 journals (including education and related disciplines) which are updated daily. This will be used by your interlibrary loan service.

University of London Institute of Education Library

20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL

Telephone: 020 7612 6080

Email: lib.enquiries@ioe.ac.uk

<http://www.ioe.ac.uk/services/4389.html>

The library has one of the best collections in the field of education in the world and the most comprehensive in the United Kingdom. Access is free of charge to all scholars and researchers. The main Library is open 7 days a week and the Library catalogue is available online, worldwide, 24 hours a day. An enquiry service provides one to one assistance to users, in person, by phone or by email.

UK University libraries

Copac National, Academic, and Specialist Library Catalogue (COPAC)

<http://www.copac.ac.uk/copac/>

The Copac[®] library catalogue gives free access to the merged online catalogues of [many major University, Specialist, and National Libraries in the UK and Ireland](#), including the British Library.

Wiley-Blackwell Online Library

<http://olabout.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-390001.html?context=info>

This is the online journals service from Wiley Blackwell Publishing. It holds the content for most of Wiley and Blackwell's journals, the majority of which are published on behalf of international scholarly and professional societies. Abstracts of articles can be viewed but a subscription is required for full downloads – ask your librarian.

Useful Educational Journals

British Educational Research Journal (BERJ)

The British Educational Research Journal is a learned journal published by Routledge Taylor & Francis on behalf of BERA. The Journal is interdisciplinary in approach, and includes reports of case studies, experiments and surveys, discussions of conceptual and methodological issues and of underlying assumptions in educational research, accounts of research in progress, and book reviews.

Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood

<http://www.wwords.co.uk/ciec/>

Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood is an online-only international research journal. The journal contains research reports, full-text articles, book reviews and commentaries by educational researchers and professionals who are exploring new and alternative perspectives in their work with young children (from birth to eight years of age) and their families

Early Childhood Research and Practice

<http://ecrp.uiuc.edu/>

Early Childhood Research and Practice is an online refereed biannual journal, produced by the ERIC Clearing House on Elementary and Early Childhood Education at the University of Illinois, USA. It covers research on children and parents, including parent participation, early childhood curriculum, and teacher and caregiver development.

Educational Action Research

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/09650792.asp>

Supported by Collaborative Action Research Network (CARN) and published by Routledge. This is a fully refereed international journal concerned with exploring the dialogue between research and practice in educational settings.

Education 3-13 - International Journal of Primary, Elementary and Early Years Education (Routledge)

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~db=all~content=t725445575~tab=summary>

This journal, one of the few that crosses boundaries in terms of age-phase and subject, is the major international publication of the Association for the Study of Primary Education (ASPE). The journal seeks to provide an avenue for the publication of research that will help to develop policy and practice in primary education and assist practitioners by providing helpful and stimulating ways of viewing what they do, or might do.

Educational Research Journal

http://www.nfer.ac.uk/publications/educational-research/educational-research_home.cfm

The journal of the NFER was established in 1958. Drawing upon projects in universities and research centres worldwide, it is a leading forum for informed thinking on issues of contemporary concern in education.

Special research areas covered in publications can be searched for such as:

Citizenship

National Curriculum

Environmental Education

Out of school learning

Teaching and Learning

Research-engaged school

International

International Journal of Early Years Education

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/carfax/09669760.html>

International Journal of Early Years Education is a peer reviewed journal published three times a year by Taylor and Francis. It acts as a forum for researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas about early years education worldwide. It offers a comparative perspective on the education of young children via reports and research articles. Access is through an individual or institutional subscription and the full-text of articles is available to subscribers.

Impact

http://www.nfer.ac.uk/schools/impact/impact_home.cfm

NFER's research news for schools explores what's happening in education now. There have been five issues so far (July 2011) which can be downloaded free from the website.

Inside Information

A periodical publication edited by the National Teacher Research Panel (NTRP) and CUREE. It carries articles about practitioner research projects completed by teachers in their schools and colleges. Each feature includes a concise description of the research, interviews with the researchers, suggestions on how to put the findings into practice in your own context, links to further useful information and help with carrying out your own research.

There are four themed issues available to download from this page:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/careers/traininganddevelopment/research-informedpractice/ntrp/a0012831/inside-information>

NERF Bulletin: Evidence for teaching and learning

All Bulletins (1- 6) can be downloaded from DfE Publications

<http://education.gov.uk/publications/standard/publicationDetail/Page1/NERFBI1>

They present research evidence on topics relevant to teachers from all phases and types of education.

Research Papers in Education (Routledge)

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/02671522.asp>

Research Papers in Education has developed a reputation for publishing significant educational research findings of recent years. Up-to-date and authoritative, the journal has given researchers the opportunity to present full accounts of their work, its rationale, findings and conclusions. Its format now includes shorter papers and review articles.

Register of Research in Primary Geography

<http://www.geography.org.uk/eyprimary/primaryresearch>

The Register of Research in Primary Geography is a central database of action and investigative research. It is intended for collaborative use by primary teachers, teacher trainers and those concerned with pupils' perception in the subject of geography and associated disciplines. A number of papers have been published and the website also includes examples of research, ideas for getting started and databases of useful links.

The Research Informed Practice site (TRIPS) (DfE)

<http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/toolsandinitiatives/tripsresearchdigests>

Offers easy access to essential research findings as news digests of the latest research from research journals. The aim is to build clusters of related articles to enable users to explore practical concerns from a range of perspectives and in different contexts. Themes include:

Pupil grouping and organisation of classes	Behaviour
Self evaluation	CPD
Speaking and listening	Early Years
Thinking skills	Ethnicity
Transition	Gender
Assessment for Learning	Inclusion

School Research News

<http://www.education.gov.uk/b0058454/schools-research-news/>

The Office of the Chief Adviser on School Standards publishes a monthly newsletter reviewing the latest research findings on school standards and related issues. Copies of the latest Schools Research News are available to download in the associated resources area of the page. If you would like to receive a monthly update on latest research including research for practice issues contact research.summaries@education.gsi.gov.uk:

Research Bites are 90-second presentations (ppt) with summaries of key research for practitioners to share among colleagues and at staff meetings. They focus on practical classroom issues. You can access the bank of research bites at <http://www.education.gov.uk/b0058454/2011---schools-research-news>

Offline Journals

This includes journals not sourced electronically, usually occasional collections of papers which only have reference as printed texts e.g. on Amazon. It also lists journals which have long pre-electronic runs and are held by major libraries. Search for locations in OPAC – first the home HEI then further afield.

These are journals most often quoted in recent years and accessible in the UK

The list includes journals of associated subject areas.

* Journals in the British Educational Index (BEI) <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/bei/journals.htm>

Advances in Child Development and Behaviour	Educational Psychology*
Annals of the Association of American Geographers	Educational Research*
Assessment in Education: Principles, Policy & Practice*	Educational Researcher
British Educational Research Journal, *	Educational Research and Evaluation*
British Journal of Developmental Psychology*	Educational Review*
British Journal of Educational Psychology*	Educational Studies*
British Journal of Educational Studies*	English in Education*
British Journal of Educational Technology*	Environment and Behaviour
British Journal of Music Education	Environmental Education and Information*
British Journal of Physical Education	Environmental Education Research*
British Journal of Religious Education	European Early Childhood Education Research Journal*
British Journal of Sociology of Education	European Journal of Education*
British Journal of Teaching Physical Education	European Journal of Special Needs Education*
British Journal of Special Education	European Journal of Teacher Education*
Bulletin of Environmental Education	Evaluation and Research in Education*
Cambridge Journal of Education*	Geographical Education
Comparative Education*	Geography Educational Review
Child Development	Geography*
Cognitive Development	Innovations in Education and Teaching International*
Cognitive Psychology	Innovations in Education and Training International*
Curriculum*	International Journal of Early Childhood*
Curriculum Journal*	International Journal of Early Years Education*
Curriculum Studies*	International Journal of Educational Development*
Developmental Psychology	International Journal of Educational Research*
Early Years*	International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education
Educating Able Children*	International Journal of Science Education*
Education 3-13*	International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education*
Education and Information Technologies*	International Review of Education*
Educational Action Research*	

Institute of Social Science Bulletin
 Irish Educational Studies*
 Irish Journal of Education*
 Issues in Education
 Journal of Art and Design Education*
 Journal of Curriculum Studies*
 Journal of Design and Technology Education* Journal of
 Early Childhood Literacy*
 Journal of Educational Enquiry
 Journal of Environmental Education and Information
 Journal of Geography in Higher Education*
 Journal of Geography
 Journal of Research in Reading*
 Journal of Teacher Development*
 Learning Resources Journal*
 Mathematics Education Review*
 Mathematics in School*
 Mathematics Teaching*
 Micromath*
 Multicultural Teaching*
 Music Education Research*
 New Era in Education*
 Pedagogy in Practice*
 Primary Geographer
 Primary History
 Primary PE Focus*
 Primary Science Review*
 Primary Teaching Studies*
 Research in Drama Education*
 Research in Education*
 Research in Geographical Education
 Research in Science and Technological Education*
 Review of Research in Visual Arts Education
 Review of Educational Research
 Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research*
 School Science Review
 Science and Children
 Science and Education*
 Scientific Journal of Orienteering,
 Scottish Educational Review*
 Simulation and Gaming Yearbook*
 Special Children*
 Streetwise
 Studies in Educational Evaluation*
 Studies in Science Education*
 Support for Learning*
 Teacher Development*
 Teachers and Teaching: theory and practice*
 Teaching and Teacher Education*
 Teaching Earth Sciences*
 Teaching Geography*
 Teaching History*
 Teaching Mathematics and its Applications*
 The Cartographic Journal
 The Science Teacher
 Times Educational Supplement*
 Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers
 Welsh Journal of Education*
 Westminster Studies in Education