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Geography Awareness Week

22-26 June 2009

Geography Awareness Week is one of the Geographical Association's range of young people orientated activities that aims to promote engaging geography within schools. This year's Geography Awareness Week runs from 22-26 June and is on the theme of 'Investigating Geography'.

Free resources which support Geography Awareness Week are based around some of the main headings from the 2008 UK Interdependence Day Report. These resources can be downloaded from the Worldwide section of the Geographical Association's website -

<http://worldwise.geography.org.uk/geographyawarenessweek/>

The 2009 materials, which include activity suggestions for all age phases, cover a diverse range of subjects including trade flows (our use of energy and where our commodities come from and how they reach us), people flows (reasons and effects of circulation and migration by people in the past, today and tomorrow) and cultural flows (the food miles calculator, why farming matters and sport, why the Olympics is a global trade in muscle).

All of these feature in the 2008 UK Interdependence Day report, published by the Open University and The New Economics Foundation, in which the concept of the Ecological Debt Day is introduced. This is the day in the calendar year when we stop relying on our own resources to support ourselves and start to live off the rest of the world. The resources have a real investigative approach to them and include specific pupil activities and ideas for teachers to develop the materials further. Additional resources including websites are also given.

The Geographical Association welcomes any feedback from teachers using this year's Geography Awareness Week resources so that comments can be taken into account when preparing materials for future themes.

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Worldwise website: <http://worldwise.geography.org.uk/>

The Geographical Association

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