

## How to Use Windows Movie Maker

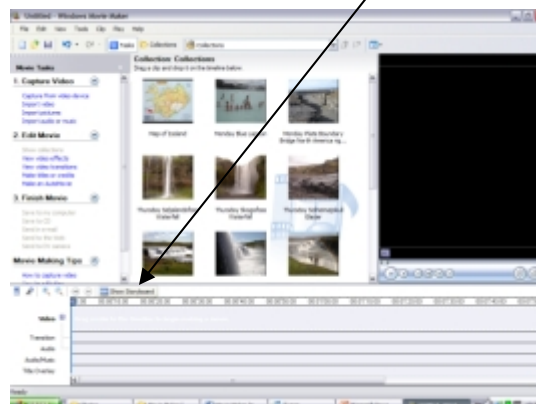
The Greenfield v. Brownfield group presentations could be made far better by using Windows Movie Maker. Students tend to have experience of using PowerPoint for presentations and the creation of a video using Movie Maker is likely to increase their enjoyment of the task as it gives them the opportunity to be more creative. These instructions may appear a little long, but the software is really easy to use. Please follow the guidance given below to create your movie (the images here are of a video I created following a field trip to Iceland) I must stress that the software is capable of doing far more than the basic functions outlined here; more advanced ICT users will quickly realise this.

**Step 1:** Create a bank of pictures/ videos that you intend to use for the video. You must make sure that if you collect pictures from the internet you must **'right click'** and **'save as'** so that the file is saved. Do remember to respect copyright, [Idea 11](#) on this project site provides guidance on how to search for images. Do not copy and paste pictures into a Word document- Movie Maker only recognises actual files. Some videos can be saved from the internet- **'right click'** the link and **'save target as'** and then you should be able to save it.

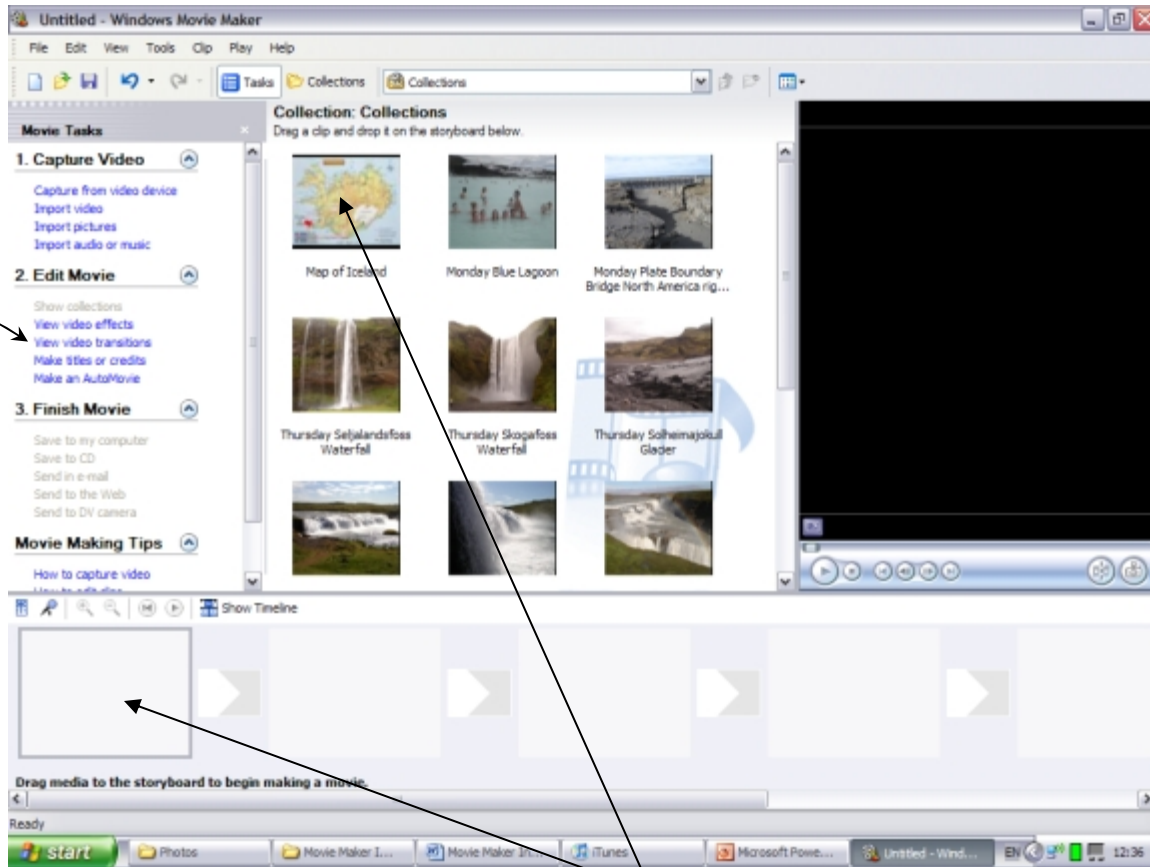
**Step 2:** Open Movie Maker (appearance will depend on your PC). **Start/All programs/Windows Movie Maker**. Some PCs have Movie Maker on the start menu.

**Step 3:** Click on import picture (or **import video** if you want to add video files) on the left hand side of the screen. Once you click on this it will prompt you to find the files that you want. You will need to locate them (you would perhaps create a bank of files for the students saved on a school network and tell the students where to find them. Click on the photos folder and import the pictures by pressing **'ctrl'** and **'a'** at the same time and then click on **'import'**. All the pictures should appear in the middle of your screen

**Step 4:** Decide on the order in which you wish the picture to be displayed in the video. To place the pictures into the video you need to **'drag and drop'** the pictures onto the story board at the bottom of the screen. (Movie Maker could open with the time line on show- click on show story board if this is the case)



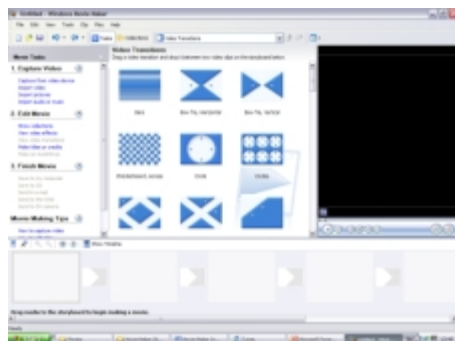
It is worth remembering how to get to the 'show timeline' illustrated above- we will use this later to edit the movie and add things such as audio tracks



Click on your first picture and drag onto the story board and let it go.

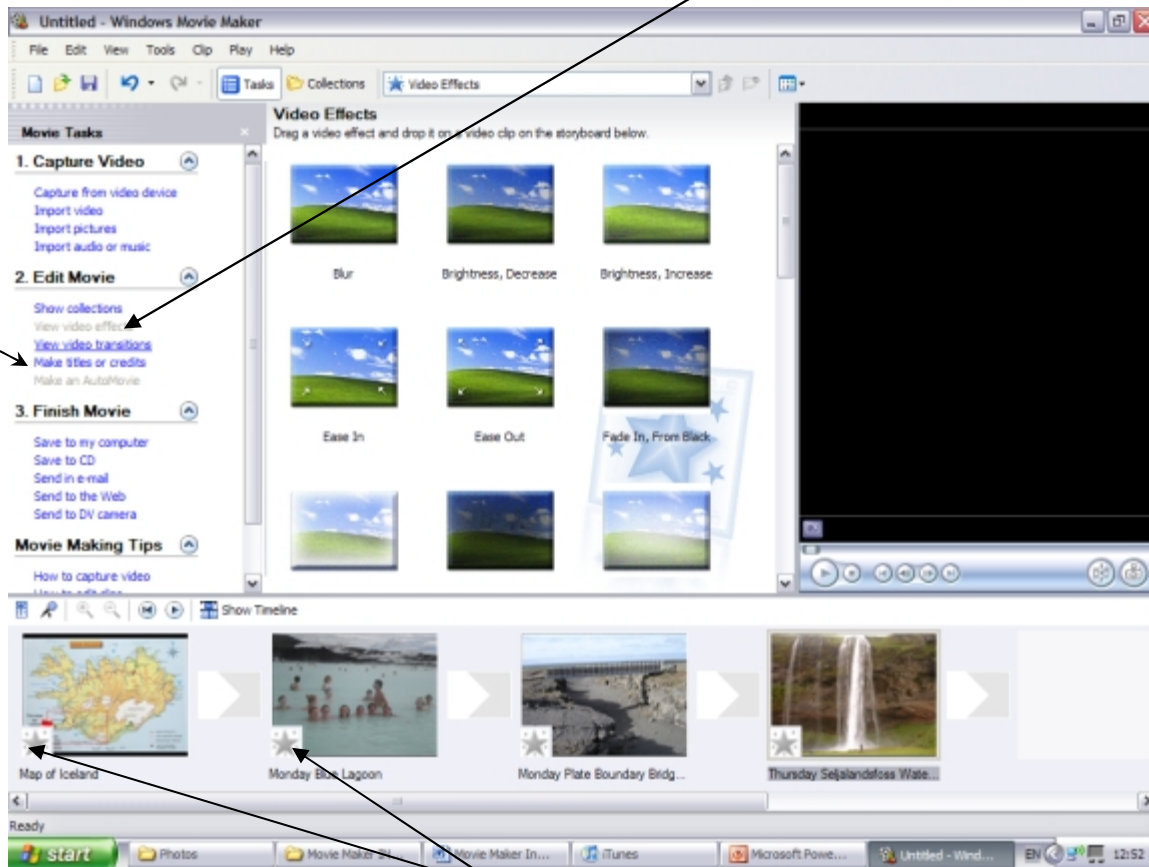
Repeat this process until you have used enough pictures / map images

**Step 5:** You can now start to make your movie look better! Click on '**view video transitions**' and the screen below should appear



You can choose how the transition between each picture will look. Some are rather gimmicky, but options such as '**dissolve**' or '**fade**' are good. Decide for yourself! To implement these, you need to **drag and drop the selection** (like you did with the pictures) onto the story board- this time **between the pictures**.

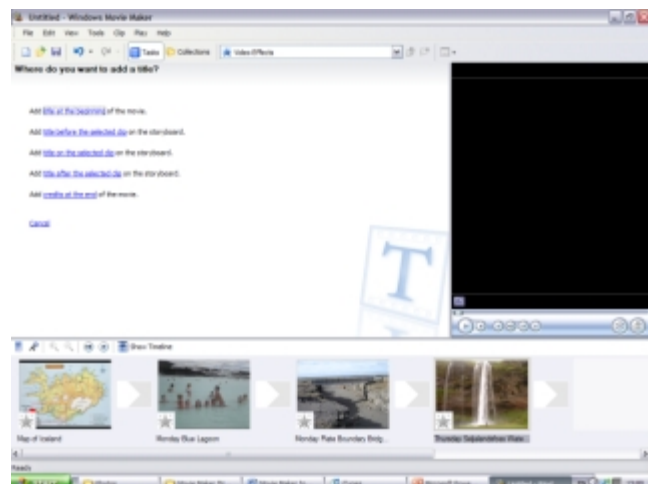
**Step 6: Add video effects.** These are essential, particularly if you are just using pictures, as it can make it more film-like. To do this click on **'view video effects'**. You should then see the following screen.



To add the effect you have to **'drag and drop'** (you have done this before) your selection onto the star at the bottom left of each picture. There are plenty of options here, but some are better than others. I would use **'ease in'** and **'ease out'** as these appear to give the images motion.

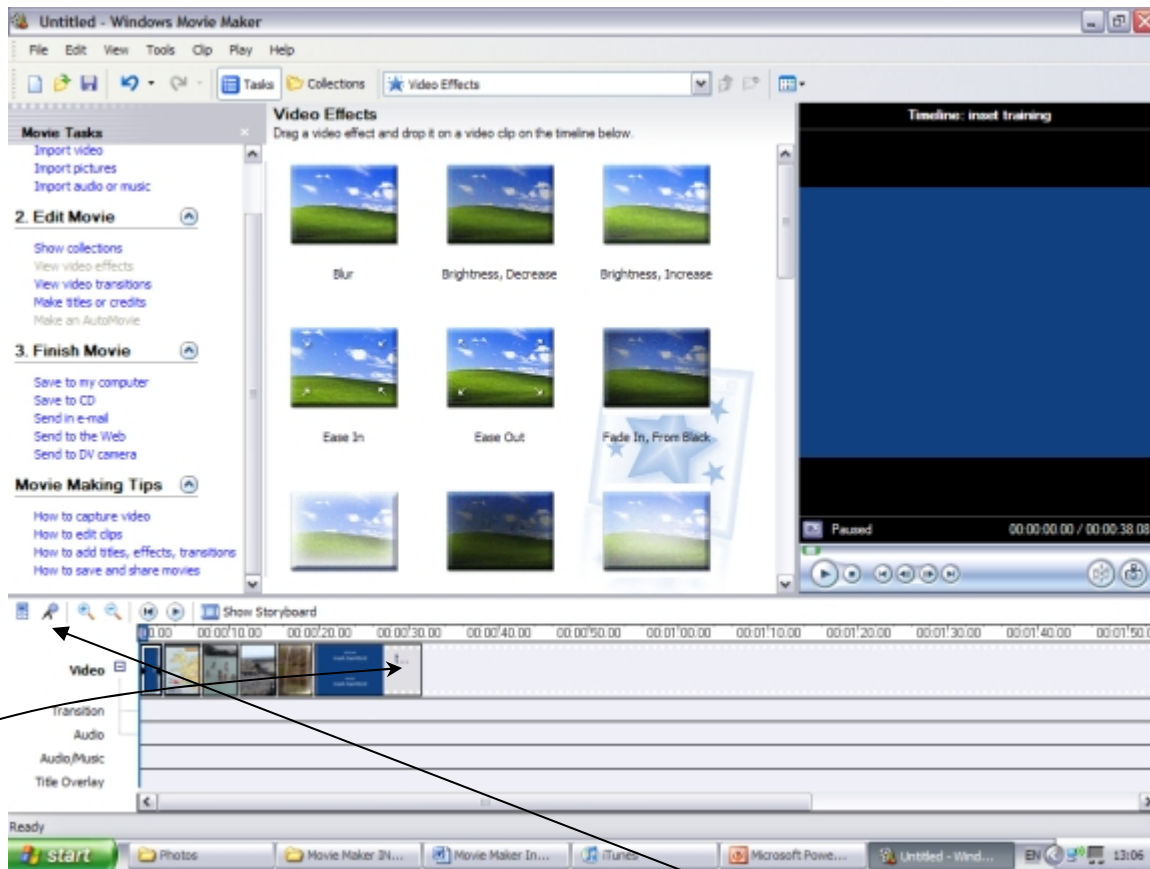
### **Step 7: Add titles / credits etc**

Click on **'edit movie'** then **'make titles or credits'** and the screen on the right should appear. There are a number of options here that can be used at the start and end of the movie, but it also provides you with the opportunity to insert slides with words in between existing picture slides- have a play with these.



**Step 8: Narrating the movie** (can be difficult- practice needed!)

Click on '**show timeline**' and the following screen should appear



You can now narrate the timeline by 'clicking on the **'microphone icon'** and adding a recording. Make sure that you have connected the microphone headsets correctly and click **'start narration'**. Once you have finished, click stop and Movie Maker will ask you to save the narration (in my videos)- it will also automatically import it into your timeline. (Problems here can arise due to movie not being long enough for what you want to say- however, you can increase the duration that the picture appears on screen by dragging them to make them appear larger on the timeline- I have done this with the last slide.)

**Step 9: Finish the movie**

Movie 'projects' eventually need to be saved as Windows Media Video (WMV files) for the finished article. Follow the prompts in the **'finish movie'** section and the computer will finalise your movie where it will be saved in **'my videos'**. However, once finalised you can't edit the WMV file- you must keep the 'project' file saved if you want to make changes and repeat the process.