

Global lesson is a worldwide smash hit

The inaugural IB Global Lesson saw schools in every corner of the world explore issues surrounding global poverty.

In October 2008, schools were invited to teach one of a number of lessons on the ethical aspects of global poverty, which could be downloaded from the IB community theme website.

St Andrew's School in Savannah, Georgia, USA, was just one participant. Its seventh-grade class engaged in a discussion

about poverty and decided the best way to delve deeper was to work with local volunteer groups and institutions.

"We used the questions and prompts from the IB Global Lesson available online to explore our own understandings of poverty," says IB coordinator Kelley Waldron. The class is working with charity Children Inspiring Hope, and will communicate with students in Ghana to put its findings to the test.

"The idea of the whole IB community coming together to teach a lesson has captured the imagination of people around the world," says Boyd Roberts, community theme project director. "The community theme is not only about taking action within our schools, but sharing this with the whole community."

To share IB Global Lesson experiences or see further examples, visit <http://communitytheme.ibo.org>.



St Andrew's students with 'peace signs'