The ImpaCT of global classrooms

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In an interconnected world, it's more important than ever that students become global citizens. This session will demonstrate how to create connected global classrooms with the innovative use of technology and the high ImpaCT that this has on their learning.

By creating the world their classroom, students are empowered to become globally aware learners, helping to transform how they see, interact, and understand the world beyond their classroom and local community. By integrating these connections and projects into the curriculum, students’ learning can be enriched in ways never thought possible.

Synchronous and asynchronous connections allow students to collaborate, connect, communicate and problem solve with others across the globe, enabling them to develop understanding, compassion, inter-cultural empathy and build relationships with each other and indeed change lives, both locally and globally. This is in keeping with the ISTE Student Standard – Student as Global Collaborator - Students use digital tools to broaden their perspectives and enrich their learning by collaborating with others and working effectively in teams locally and globally.

By attending this session, participants will explore and gain “hands on experience” in the following:

- hear inspiring and amazing classroom stories of collaborative global classrooms
- explore online tools for communication, connection and collaboration both synchronously and asynchronously. These tools are free, cross platform, cross device and accessible to the majority of classes across the world. Some are proven tools over time and some are the latest trending tools
- Learn how to get started
- Where to find global projects – both simple and complex
- Discuss tips for success
- Explore the challenges of collaborating globally
- How to overcome the challenges including the challenges of cultural and religious differences, language barriers, accents, time zones and more
- Understand the need for and the power of developing a personal learning network
- How to develop a professional learning network and learning communities to join

An online resource document will be shared with participants, so that they can access tutorials, websites, presentations, etc. for further research after the conference.