

PEARL World Youth News



PEARL World Youth News is an online international news service managed by secondary school students from around the world. Adhering to the highest journalistic standards, students write, edit and publish their stories on the web-based news service. School newspapers can reprint articles from PEARL to add a global component to their

local publications. Any high school student can join the project after successfully completing an online training and certification course (<http://www.pearl.iearn.org/course/>).

The PEARL project is a partnership between iEARN and the Daniel Pearl Foundation. With an emphasis on unbiased reporting and respect for a diversity of views, PEARL World Youth News hopes to not only develop journalistic skills among students but also broaden cross-cultural understanding and provide a global youth perspective.

Ages: 14-19

Project languages: English

Curriculum area: Media Literacy, Journalism, Social Studies, English

Website: <http://www.pearl.iearn.org/pearlnews/>
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“Being a PEARL World Youth News reporter is fabulous. I can express what I think and friends worldwide are really listening,” says Nguyen Long, a Grade 12 student from Hue City, Vietnam.

“Thanks to the skills I learned from the online reporter certification course, I won the first prize at the First International Young Journalists Festival in Tashkent. I strongly believe that teenagers can use the certification course for a better education and successful career,” says Yaroslav Ovcharenko, a PEARL Reporter from Uzbekistan.

Activity

- Based on what you have heard about PEARL, suggest two ideas that you feel are newsworthy for the youth news service.
- Read the following article from the BBC News. Point out the two most important sides without which the news story would not have been balanced. Provide two examples from the article in which you think an opinion has been expressed.
- From the two story ideas that you thought were newsworthy for PEARL, select one. Point out three sources that you think would be able to provide information about this story. Describe why the sources are reliable.