

Questions you may ask about the project

1. Why should students join the project? What is the use of it? Is there any benefit for the students?

- Students will learn how to publish on the Internet through the blogging posts and also how to comment on posts of the others. They will practice the contemporary publishing standards and netiquette.
- Students will learn new methods and forms of creating content, not only in text but also in graphics, infographics or diagrams. They can create and publish an audio and video content as well.
- Students will learn from the content they will be working on and from the content of the other students.
- Through their blogging posts and comments students will make new friends from different countries around the world and have chance to meet and cooperate in a safe social environment.
- Students who are not English native speakers can also improve their written as well as spoken English.

2. What will be the teacher's role in this project?

- To present the topics, to provide appropriate IT services for making the tasks, and to show the working processes to the students to enable them to finish their works and publish them on the blog.
- To facilitate, guide, help and motivate students.
- To cooperate with other teachers in the project, arranging the topics for students and share the information about their group activities within the community.

3. What blogging service will be used? Is it free or how much will we have to pay?

- We will use Kidblog.org, the world's largest student blogging platform under the [Kidblog Admin Pro licence](#) which allows us to use the system fully.
- The blogging service is completely financed by the US Embassy in Prague which means it will not cost us a penny.

4. Are there any obligations within the project?

- There are some:
 - Finishing the project by the end of June 2017
 - Publishing two students' works publicly by agreement with other teachers.(Note: The students' works are planned to be published only within the community of joined classes but we have been asked by our partners, Kidblog.org and the US Embassy in Prague to publicize the project too.)

5. Is there an age limit for the students to take part in the project?

- Initially, the project was designed for middle school students, from grade 6 to 8.
We have also invited first grade high school students to join the project.

- Kidblog provides good blogging training for young students but there are more suitable services for older students from which they can learn much more.

6. How can I understand the blogging process?

- The best way is to imagine the Kidblog blogging website of your class or group of students as an online e-portfolio where the students present all the works they create during the school year, across all subjects.
- Moreover, from time to time, we would like the teachers to arrange the same topics for all students to work on (but most probably different for middle school and high school students).

7. What are the topics? Are they fixed or can we think them up?

- When we take the blogs as e-portfolios, the topics are set up by the assignments in the school subjects.
- The topic can be anything that you consider interesting or engaging for the students. Some of the topics will be shared in the community by the Czech teachers who have already finished the blogging project in previous school years.
- Some topics will be the same for all groups (e.g. An introduction) but most of them will not. Nevertheless, even the same topics should be accepted by all teachers.

8. How does the sharing process work? Who will the students' works be shared with?

- There are two basic ways of sharing. Sharing privately, only with the participating groups/classes or sharing publicly.
- Nonetheless, we can arrange other models of sharing, between middle schools or high schools only. [Here](#) is one of the possible sharing model.

9. How long will the project take? Is there any project plan?

- The project starts in March 2016 and finishes in August 2017.
- However, the main part in which the students will publish their works starts in September 2016 and finishes in June 2017.
- The blogging environment will be available for the teachers in July 2016 to have time to create their group blogs and become familiar with the system.
- The project plan is available [here](#).

10. Where can I find more information about the project?

- Look at the [project website](#).

11. Who should I contact for more details about the project?

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