



**Case Study : Dumfries and Galloway Council**

Scottish students connect, communicate and create music through Polycom video conferencing solutions

**Client:**

Dumfries and Galloway Council

**Location:**

120 schools across various  
Locations in Dumfries &  
Galloway Region

**Project:**

Streamline teaching resources  
and create an international  
network across a variety of  
sites.



**Background:**

Dumfries and Galloway Council through Scotia UK invested in Polycom video conferencing to cover the wide area and number of schools that the education authority is responsible for and has put together a new programme for teaching music to students in its smaller remote areas. The 120 schools in the council are spread over an area of approximately 3,000sq km. Through this solution the council are able to streamline teaching resources and create an international network.

**Application:**

Through video conferencing, the schools have been able to communicate with schools across the globe – piloting language lessons with a school in France, holding ecology and environmental studies with a school in the Caribbean and holding music lessons with the Manhattan School of Music in New York. The school team also encourages local students in the Dumfries and Galloway area to meet and share ideas by working on other joint projects in subjects, including poetry and science.

The model of having local teaching staff in Dumfries providing lessons to many remote schools over video conferencing has helped to cut down on the need to travel from school to school and the costs associated. Not only has it freed up teachers to allow them to focus on teaching, but it has allowed them to be more creative with lessons.

**Result:**

By using Polycom Telepresence and Polycom HDX 6000 with Executive Collection dual Monitor video conferencing is bringing communities of teachers and students together both in the UK and across the world. Students continue to benefit from first-class lessons, drawing not only on their own resources but sharing with other schools and institutions to provide the best possible education for young learners.

“Through Polycom’s solutions, we’ve seen teachers sharing ideas, we’ve been able to facilitate Continued Personal Development sessions with staff between schools, and have also developed excellent international links. One school has linked up for home economics lessons in Poland and another of our schools links with a school in the Caribbean. It has been very successful, and, looking to the future, it would be fantastic to have all schools kitted with video conferencing solutions.”

Alan Cameron, Education Officer for Dumfries and Galloway