

MAKING THE NEWS PROJECT

Making the News (MTN) is a free online publishing system for education that enables news to be published, broadcast and accessed over the World Wide Web. Text, images, animation, video and audio can be easily submitted to the MTN website via a simple-to-use submission form.

The MTN project, which is supported by the Department for Education and Skills, has been created for England's RBCs (Regional Broadband Consortia). The MTN website and technology, which was designed by the Open University's Knowledge Media Institute's Centre for New Media, supports and extends young people's creative learning and education across the curriculum at any Key Stage.



The Lakes School visit Munich (CLEO)

MTN is hosted by E2BN (East of England Broadband Network) on the National Education Network. It can be accessed by young people in both school and home environments and its end users represent the broadest range of abilities and interests. MTN's development partners include Channel 4, NCJ Media and ProQuest. MTN has been entered for consideration for BETT 2006 awards in two categories:

- (1) *Primary software, content and tools.*
- (2) *Secondary software, content and tools.*



Chloe and Laura in interview mode (SEGfL)

MTN is currently being rolled out to all RBCs. To date, it has been launched by E2BN, Northern Grid, SEGfL, WMNet, CLEO and EMBC. Schools are given tools and guidance on how to investigate, produce and publish news at both local and regional levels. Each RBC will evolve MTN in an individual way.



Film Editing at Croshall Junior (E2BN)

MTN is running a national competition, with big prizes, in the autumn term, 2005, for primary and secondary schools within the ten RBC areas.

<http://mtncomp.e2bn.net>

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