

Blog post

Bangla Desh



It's hard to overstate just how amazing was this visit to Bangla Desh.

Tuesday saw the British Council Conference on the Innovative use of ICT in Education. I had heard about the Connecting Classrooms concept, and hear it was brought to life by a series of enthusiastic, eye-opening presentations from teachers and educationalists across the country. It was great to hear about the social projects and meet such inspirational department heads.

On Wednesday, I headed out into the rural area north of Dhaka to see ICT in action. The teachers face incredible challenges: will students leave to become child brides? will students come in the afternoon, or be kept at home to help the family earn money?

We visited a school where one of the classroom was kitted out with a laptop computer and internet access. The internet in the class we saw was being used to enrich the learning from the course book, bringing the concept of volcanoes to life.

In the second school, the only computer was being used for admin. The ICT teachers deliver their curriculum without a computer.