

Events

Public events

A chance to join the sustainability team promoting sustainable projects or have a stand of your own selling 'green themed' items the children have made. Join us at Fun in the Park in September or the Go Green Fair at the end of May



Market places / Exhibitions

Meet a variety of organisations that support schools with Sustainability

Your Green Future

Yearly event for Secondary school pupils to find out more about Green careers



Conferences

Schools share their best practice with others and celebrate achievements

About us



Solihull Council has a dedicated Education Officer based in the Sustainable Development Team who works with schools to help them become more sustainable in all that they do. We encourage schools to follow the Eco-Schools Programme.

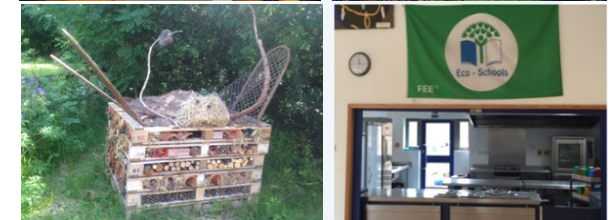
Further information

As well as one to one support, schools are able to engage through meetings, staff training, workshops, conference & celebration events and keep up to date through a dedicated Twitter account and newsletters.

Contact us and support

As part of our commitment to sustainability we can help Solihull schools with advice and support.
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or why not follow me on twitter: @lardydaa

Solihull Sustainable Schools



Support available for schools

Sustainable Development Team

Solihull Council



Support to help your school make a difference!

Eco-schools

Should your school wish to become registered with the nationally recognised Eco School programme then the ESD Officer can provide advice and support for achieving accreditation. This includes access to materials and advice on the best practical steps to take in order to achieve the 'Green Flag' Eco Schools status! Support with various aspects of the Eco-schools process include:

- One to one support
- Applying for awards
- Support with Action planning & Environmental review
- Eco-team meetings
- Launch assemblies
- Ideas for Eco / Green days



Energy Advice

If you would like to engage your pupils with Energy Efficiency and Carbon Reduction then the ESD Officer can provide a wide range of services tailored to your school to help deliver this. Sites that engage their pupils make the greatest progress; pupils and teachers often enjoy the opportunity to apply elements of the curriculum to practical energy related activities at the site.

- Automated Meter Reader Workshops –pupils find out about their schools energy consumption and analyse graphs
- Energy Campaigns – help with setting up a monitoring team, monitoring board and reward systems
- Support with energy walkabouts and switch off labelling



Outdoor learning

Outdoor environmental activities can teach concepts and issues and can help with the understanding of ecological processes, conveying important messages, activities Include:

- Earthwalks -sensory activities linked together on a walk
- Trails **involving** a series of **clues** that children must solve to complete. Themes include garden animals, hedgehogs and apples.
- Support to create trails on topics of your choice
- Plant-themed games, for example, seed growth, woodland management.



Global learning

Teaching Fairtrade is a great way to get children thinking about important world issues that affect their lives. Solihull Council is a Fairtrade Borough and supports schools to promote Fairtrade. Support is available for teachers with their Fairtrade work, through the provision of:

- Advice, teaching ideas, signposting to teaching materials
- Support with the Fairtrade School Award
- Ideas for getting involved in Fairtrade Fortnight
- Signposting to webpages & newsletters
- Pupil workshops including: All Round the World and Footballs from Pakistan



Local issues

Young people, being the decision makers of tomorrow, need to understand how changes in the environment will affect them. Bespoke consultation activities can be designed so they can become involved in the issues and decisions that will ultimately affect them.

Past consultation projects increasing understanding and involving young people in local issues and future planning include:

- Planning for real
- Solihull Connected future of transport
- Climate change and flood risk
- Water quality at Babbs Mill



Sustainable Development Goals

The SDG's are a set of global priorities for ensuring that economic, environmental, social and cultural wellbeing is achieved for everyone around the world. The ESD Officer can support with engaging young leaders in achieving the new SDG's with the following activities:

- Introducing investigating and understanding the SDG's
- Designing Superhero's
- Campaign to increase understanding in the wider community
- Support for 'The World's Largest Lesson'
- Student voice workshops

