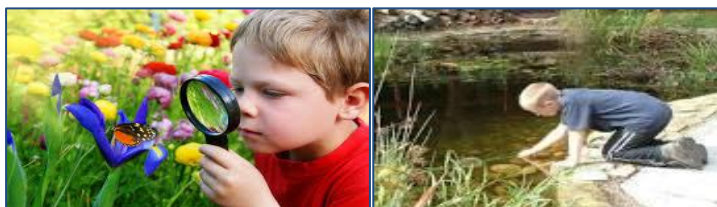
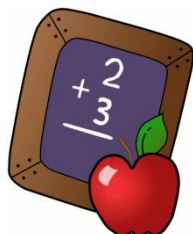




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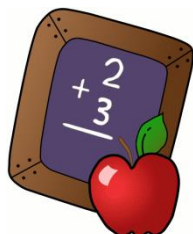
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the latest **E-Bulletin** from the **Education for Sustainable Development Forum** which provides information on activities in the environmental education and education for sustainable development sectors in Northern Ireland. Below you will find a variety of useful information, including ESD Forum and member's news, resources, training events and seminars, publications, funding opportunities, and any job vacancies in the sector.

The Forum is the networking body for the Environmental Education and Education for Sustainable Development sector that promotes a coordinated approach to the delivery of environmental education and education for sustainable development in Northern Ireland. Forum Membership consists of organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors.

The Forum attempts to raise awareness of environmental education and education for sustainable development issues in the formal and non-formal education sectors through the provision of services such as the production of resources, initial and in service teacher training, member meetings and training and organising member and public conferences.

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NEWS FROM THE ESD FORUM

1. ESD FORUM UPDATE

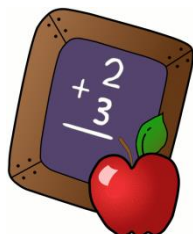
Hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed for the most part the lovely weather.

Don't forget to check out the events section of our website to get an update of various events taking place, there are a number of events happening in the run into Easter. <http://eefni.org.uk/events/>

If you have any information you would like promoted through the E-bulletin please send it to me by the end of the month, and if you want anything (news, upcoming events, etc.) promoted on the website do feel free to contact me. It is a good opportunity to get your information out to a wide audience at no charge to you or your organisation.



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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NEWS

1. BE FAIR TO BEES, PLAN B – HELP FARMERS SAGEGUARD OUR VALUABLE NATURE!

RSPB research student, Annie Magowan from Down High School, has been inspired by the dramatic improvement of bees on environmentally managed farm land in Co. Down that she is to petition the UK government to develop a strategy to support more farmers to do the same and protect our bees.

Young people from Northern Ireland are asking Government to support devolved institutions by having a UK wide strategy to provide funding to support farmers delivering valuable ecosystem services, such as providing wildflowers for pollinators.



RSPB Co. Down research 2018 has shown that wildlife-friendly farming supported four times the number of pollinators compared to a farm that had never been managed for wildlife. Insect pollinated crops are valued at £603M per year (UK National Ecosystem Assessment). What food can we buy? How much will it cost us? Can we go out into nature and still be astounded but its beauty? Without bees, we dread to know the answers. The question is not should we save bees, but why have we not already started?

Help get this issue on the Government's agenda by signing Annie's petition using the following link.
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/235644>.

2. SPRING 2019 EDITION OF MARINE LITTER WATCH

The Spring 2019 edition of Marine Litter Watch, the newsletter of the Marine Litter Strategy, is now available from the DAERA website using the following <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/marine-litter-watch-newsletter>

This edition focuses on the practical and creative steps people are taking to address marine litter and includes short news articles and updates.

3. DISCOVER SPRING AT GRENMOUNT CAMPUS WITH THE RSPB IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CAFRE, ANTRIM.

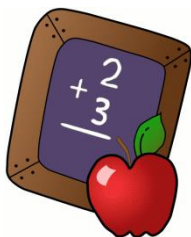
Visit our stunning nature trail at CAFRE, Greenmount and let us provide your students with memorable learning experiences.

March to June 2019. Half day (up to 32 hours) £3.50 per Child Full day £5.00 per child.

Join the RSPB led Nature Trail at Greenmount to discover the signs and sounds of Spring. Explore woodland ecosystem, experience the change in the seasons first hand and learn about new life in nature and on the farm.



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The world around us will open up for your pupils. Foundation to KS2 LOTC Programme. To find out more contact jackie.mccann@daera-ni.gov.uk

You can choose from a selection of 2 hour or full-day programmes that will inspire your group to explore the natural world with exciting hands-on activities. We offer schools opportunities to investigate a variety of habitats including woodland, pond, garden and farmland.

Led by our trained Field Teachers programmes are carefully crafted so that your class gets the most out of their time in our outdoor classroom.

All of our programmes are risk assessed and linked to the Northern Ireland Curriculum. Our Field Teachers facilitate tailored programmes for pre-school, primary and secondary. Spring/Summer programmes are delivered from March to June and the Autumn/Winter programmes are delivered from mid-September to mid-November.

A visit to Greenmount will increase your pupils' knowledge, understanding and respect for the environment, wildlife and natural places.

We look forward to seeing you and your class soon.

4. ECO-SCHOOLS ARE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE TRANSLINK TRAVEL CHALLENGE

Translink and Eco-Schools are celebrating 10 years of joining forces to deliver Travel Challenge across Northern Ireland.

The Travel Challenge promotes walking, cycling, bus and train travel for the school run instead of car use. Since its launch, over 105,000 sustainable journeys have been made by pupils choosing more active travel modes in an effort to cut car congestion at the school gates, protect the environment and boost their health and wellbeing.

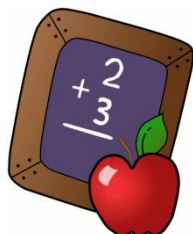


The initiative incorporates curriculum-linked classroom resources and encourages schools to develop sustainable travel plans for at least 2 weeks as a way to support their Eco-Schools awards. [Read More...](#)

Closing date for entries to the challenge is the **21st May** so schools must start their challenge by May 7th at the latest. To register to visit the Eco-Schools School Zone or contact [Francesca](#).



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5. CASH FOR CLOBBER 2018/19



Schools across the country are again taking part in the popular 'Cash for Clobber' competition, run in partnership with Eco-Schools and Cookstown Textile Recyclers. This great method of being environmentally friendly by recycling also raises some welcome funds for the schools taking part - **40 pence/kilogramme**. Schools can collect the textiles in bags and CTR will arrange a time convenient with you collect them.

Schools which collect the most textiles per pupil are in with the chance to win the annual 'Cash for Clobber' competition with fantastic **prizes of up to £1,500**. The closing date for the competition this year is 30th June 2019.

Cookstown Textile Recyclers are the only BSI certified clothing recycling company that Eco-Schools recommends. Clothing collected is redistributed to developing countries around the world or recycled into industrial fibers.



6. FREE TREES FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

Woodland Trust want to make sure that everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree. So they're giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities.



The online resource has everything you need to plan, plant and care for your tree pack. All activities are linked to the KS1 and KS2 curriculum. They include a planning tool, planting advice and interactive quizzes, designed initially for schools but a fantastic resource for anyone considering planting Free Tree Packs.

For lots more information go to <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/>

7. DAWN CHORUS - OXFORD ISLAND SATURDAY 4th May 6am - 8am

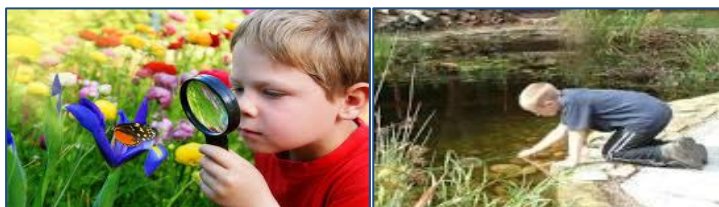
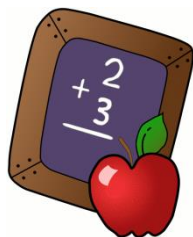
Enjoy the early morning bird song as many of our summer visitors make their return journey to Ireland. A walk around the woodland and lough shore will give you a chance to hear the song of Willow Warblers, Chiffchaff and Reed Bunting, to name but a few.

Finish with a hearty breakfast in the Loughside Cafe. Meet at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre at 6 am £8.00 per adult, £5.00 per child under 16. Booking essential.





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8. BEE CURIOUS LOUGH NEAGH DISCOVERY CENTRE 18TH MAY 11AM – 4PM



Enter the world of pollinators and find out more about the amazing creatures that are so valuable in our world and contribute so much to our food supply. Thanks to the work of our bees and other pollinating insects we can enjoy a varied diet which includes plants, fruit, vegetables and berries from all over the world. Without our bees we wouldn't even have chocolate or coffee! The Bee Curious event on Saturday 18th May at the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre aims to celebrate the value of these little creatures and their

significance to local food producers. There will be a range of stalls with locally produced foods including honey and preserves, cosmetics derived from natural ingredients, bee keeping equipment and plants.

Nature Conservation organisations will highlight some of the features that can be included in gardens looking at useful plants and simple features to benefit the insects, bees and wildlife in general.

There will be demonstrations and activities to suit families and visitors of all ages. For further information contact Lough Neagh Discovery Centre on 028 3832 2205.

9. LIVE HERE LOVE HERE GRANTS PROGRAMME OPEN

The Live Here Love Here Small Grants Scheme takes a fresh approach to improving our local environment and building a sense of pride in our local communities.

Launched by Local Councils, Northern Ireland Housing Executive, McDonald's UK, Coca-Cola and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful, the Small Grants Scheme provides support to volunteer projects that:

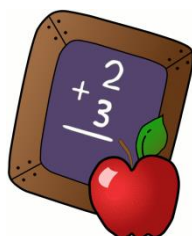
- Improve the health and well-being of communities whilst helping to improve and/or maintain public spaces.
- Use innovative ways to reduce littering and dog fouling where you live.
- Improve the way your local environment is looked after, whether urban, rural or coastal.
- Contribute to the development of civic pride within a community with a focus on environmental improvement.

Grants are available from £500 to £5,000 and are open to volunteer and community groups, all school and third level education organisations, youth groups and sports clubs undertaking civic pride projects throughout Northern Ireland.

For more information click [Here](#)



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RESOURCES

1. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

[FSC Derrygonnelly](http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/northern-ireland/derrygonnelly/learn/schools/course-information.aspx) offers courses for groups of all ages from primary to University. Please follow the link below to browse the courses available across FSC Northern Ireland:

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/northern-ireland/derrygonnelly/learn/schools/course-information.aspx>

FSC has also developed a set of Get Inspired Outdoors resources with NIEA, to support teachers in delivering outdoor learning in a range of subjects:

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/centres/northern-ireland/derrygonnelly/learn/schools/info-for-teachers/resources/get-inspired-outdoors.aspx>

2. RSPB RESOURCES

RSPB have an excellent range of resources for teachers and students available on their website, to check these out go to the following link. <https://www2.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/lesson-plans-and-supporting-resources/spot-it/>

TRAINING & EVENTS

1. VARIOUS EVENTS

Don't forget to check the forum website for various events coming up over the next few months, this time of year there are plenty. If you have, any events coming up in your own groups let me know and I can publicise them on the website. www.eefni.org.uk/events/index

FUNDING

1. BIG LOTTERY AWARDS FOR ALL NORTHERN IRELAND

Awards for All is a quick and easy way to get small Lottery grants of between £500 and £10,000 for projects that last for a year at most (they can be shorter). You can apply at any time and you will normally get a decision around 3 or 4 months after applications are received.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/northern-ireland/awards-for-all-northern-ireland>

2. ERNEST COOK TRUST

The Ernest Cook Trust is one of the UK's leading educational charities. Rooted in the conservation and



management of the countryside, the Trust actively encourages children and young people to learn from the land through hands-on educational opportunities on its estates and by offering grants.

Scheme details

The Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment or the arts (in the broadest sense) or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy.

Since the ECT is a land-based Trust, work, which encourages or ensures the continuation of rural skills and crafts, is of particular interest to the Trustees. All applications are expected to link either in with the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications.

Each year the ECT Trustees give around £1.8 million to support hundreds of educational projects throughout the UK.

- A large grants programme for awards of over £4,000 and a small grants programme for awards of under £4,000 operate throughout the year.
- For small grants, most awarded are in the range £1000 - £1500
- For large grants, apart from a few larger awards to projects especially close to the interests of the Trustees, most awards are in the range of £4,000 – £12,000 Find out more on [GrantTracker](#) or on the [website](#)

MEMBERSHIP OF ESD FORUM

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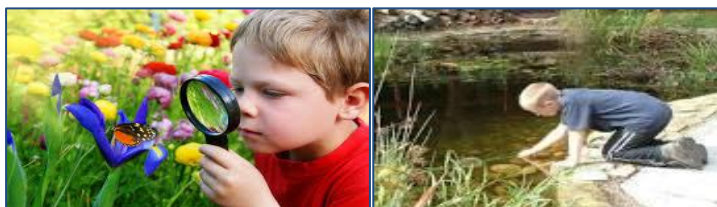
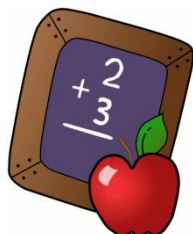
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Benefits of membership include:

- Access to an established networking and information organization
- One conference per year organised on a range of related environmental education topics
- ESD Days run at all of Northern Ireland's University establishments
- E-mail updates on the Forums activities plus information, publications and events via the E-Bulletin
- Access to ESD Forum website
- Support and publicity for your work
- Sharing of ideas, expertise and experience



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	Voluntary Organisation	Statutory Body
Organisation, one person	£35	£50
Organisation, up to 3 people receiving membership benefits at one site	£50	£100
Organisation, more than 3 people receiving membership benefits at one site at one site	£75	£150
Organisation, additional sites receiving membership benefits	£35 per site	£35 per site

As part of your subscription, you will have free place at an ESD Forum conference each year. The E-Bulletin goes into many of the schools and is a good way to promote your work. If you would like to promote your events, publications and training through this E-Bulletin please contact.

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