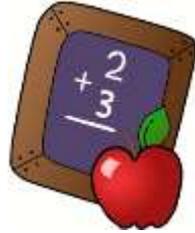




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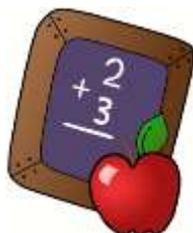
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INTRODUCTION

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.

Iona Meyer
ESD Forum Administrator

NEWS FROM THE ESD FORUM

1. ESD FORUM UPDATE

Northern Ireland Environment Link have been working with Consultants to develop a New Strategy and Action Plan for Education for Sustainability the Strategy focuses on formal education and includes consideration of how environmental learning programmes support formal learning at all levels. Links to the Strategy and Action Plan are below.

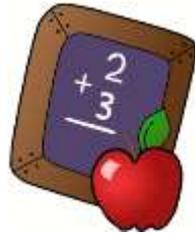
[A New Strategy and Action Plan for Education for Sustainability \(EfS\) - Full Report](#)

[A New Strategy and Action Plan for Education for Sustainability \(EfS\) - Infographic](#)

If you need to contact me please use my email iona@nienvironmentlink.org and I will get back to you as I am currently working from home. 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. AUTUMN THEMED OUTDOOR WORKSHOPS



Liz Farnan, Environmental Educator is currently delivering outdoor classroom/bubble autumn themed workshops to Foundation, KS1, and KS2 pupils to support the curriculum in school grounds or a wild place near you. Themes can include Gruffalo Trails, Exploring Woodlands, Room on the broom (Halloween), and imaginative fairy workshops.

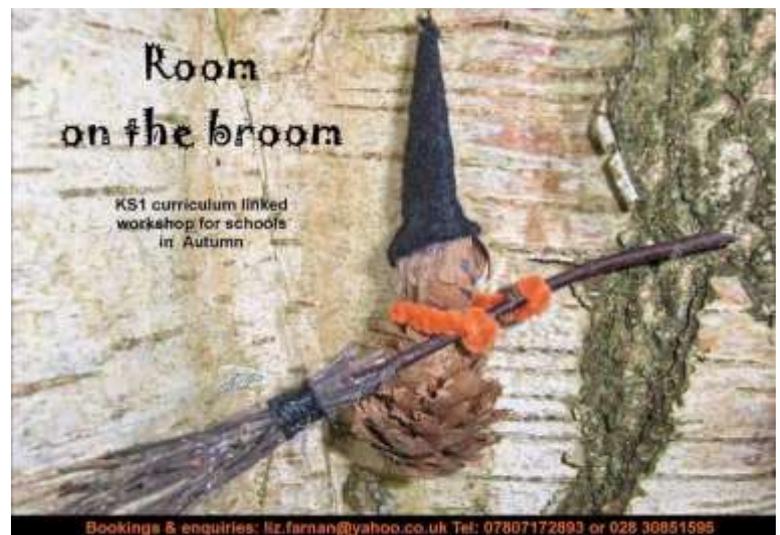
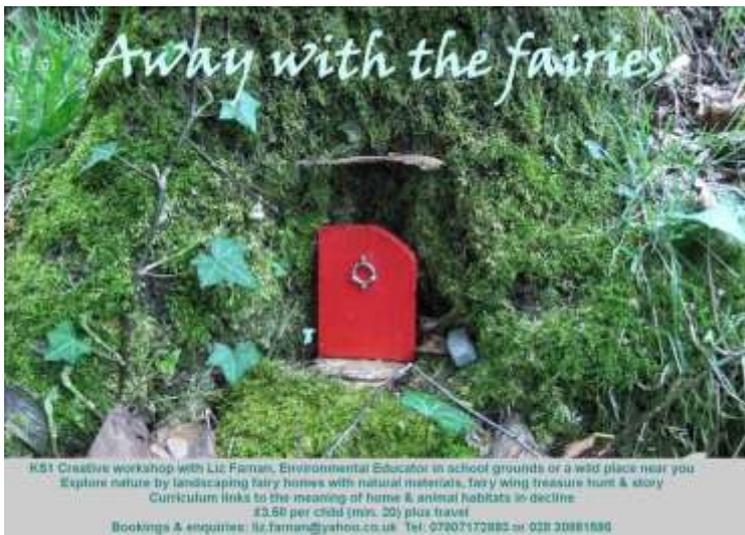
All workshops have been tried and tested and are risk assessed to include Covid-19 control measures.

Check out the link below to Liz's free video resource aimed at 8-11 yr olds: 'Bird Murder Mystery' which highlights biodiversity & food chains in our gardens and how humans can affect them. It can be replicated as a fun interactive workshop in school grounds.

<https://youtu.be/uxVkkgpny1M>

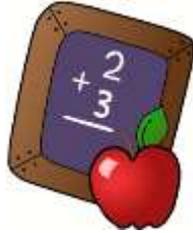
To book, for more details on price, content and curriculum links or to discuss social distancing guidelines please contact liz.farnan@yahoo.co.uk or Tel. 02830851595

Find on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Liz-Farnan-Environmental-Educator-1674793462617924>





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2. BIG SCHOOLS' BIRD WATCH 2022

Like so many things, Big Schools' Birdwatch was a bit different in 2021. But in 2022, we're really looking forward to things being more normal, with teachers and pupils once again coming together to count the birds they see at school. For more information, go to the following link

[Here](#)

3. RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2022

How to have a brilliant Birdwatch

One of the brilliant things about Big Garden Birdwatch is that you never know what you might see. Maybe you'll enjoy a charm of chattering goldfinches or a flock of feisty sparrows? Or will it be the soulful song of a robin that wins your heart?

You can start getting to know your birds by putting out food and water and seeing what flies in! You'll find plenty of advice on how to attract garden birds and how to identify them when you sign up to take part in Big Garden Birdwatch.

Be one in a million!

Be sure to come back in mid-December for more information and to sign-up to take part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2022. It's free to join in and a great way to get closer to nature where you live. [Here](#)

4. 'THE RIVER' CATCHMENTCARE EDUCATION PROGRAMME GOES ON-LINE

One of the successes of CatchmentCARE project has been the schools' engagement work being delivered by educators from the River Backwater Catchment Trust.

In 2020 plans were set in place to build on the success of the 2019 pilot education programme and encourage the 8 schools that participated in the pilot programme to incorporate elements into the core school curriculum through a series of teacher training events and curriculum planning activities.

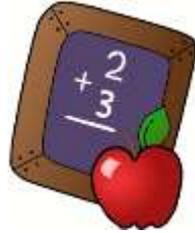
There were also plans to engage with 6 new schools who would avail of the pilot programme, receiving in-school visits and visits to local rivers. The programme should have started in February 2020 but because of Covid 19 the programme has been postponed until schools begin to allow visitors back into the classroom and run off site schools' trips.

Rather than mothball the work however, the CatchmentCARE education team have been busy developing a series of online education programmes for use by schools and teachers across the 3 catchments. **"The River"**

is a fun and informative look at rivers and is packed with activities, crafts, interviews and experiments to help young people understand more about their local rivers. There are five episodes in the series, each



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accompanied by a teacher's pack and teacher notes. The programmes are linked to the NI curriculum at KS2 (P5 – P7) and the ROI curriculum (Classes 3, 4 and 5).

There are 5 episodes in the current series –

Episode one: "The River- where it all begins".

Episode two: "How to build a river"

Episode three: "Creatures of the river"

Episode four: "The magic moving river"

Episode five: "All my fault"

The advert introducing the programmes can be viewed at the following link:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgLntTEUYsk&feature=youtu.be>

If you would like the links to all 5 episodes, please contact andrew.Griggs@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

5. CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH THE NATIONAL TRUST

The National Trust have a range of events planned across their sites for Christmas. To find out more information click. [Here](#)

6. ULSTER WILDLIFE EVENTS

Ulster Wildlife have a number of events taking place over the next number of weeks. To find out more about the various events and complete the relevant Covid forms click [Here](#)

7. VILLAGE ON ICE

Share Discovery Village are running a number of events in the run up to Christmas. These include ice skating, Santa's Grotto and some festive treats are also on offer. To find out more click [Here](#)

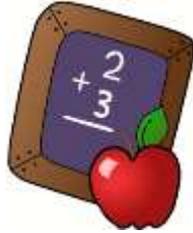
8. W5 HAS REOPENED

W5 reopened on the 25th October after a lengthy closure due to the pandemic. There are eight new themed zones added. There is a new area for the under 8's, daily science shows and over 250 exhibits to help children learn about climate change, nature engineering, film production and lots more. Well worth a visit. For information on what is on click on [Here](#)





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9. A CRITICALLY ENDANGERED SPECIES OF GORILLA HAS BEEN BORN AT BELFAST ZOO

The baby gorilla remains without a name until its sex can be determined. New-born gorillas cling to their mother's stomach for the first few months and so it will be a while before the gender can be determined.

Mother Kamili gave birth naturally to the infant, with father Gugas and the rest of the family troop close by.

Zoo Curator, Julie Mansell said, "Mother and baby are doing very well and our zookeepers are giving them essential time to bond. The infant looks strong and healthy and Kamili is an experienced and excellent mother. We will continue to keep a close eye on them both but everything is looking very positive."

This is the second infant that Gugas and Kamili have had together. Back in 2014 the couple welcomed 'Kibibi' which means 'little lady' in Swahili.

The western lowland gorilla is classed as critically endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), with the total population estimated to be less than 100,000. This great ape species is a quiet, peaceful animal and spend most of their days eating and sleeping. These gorillas come from dense forests of western central Africa and are herbivores whose diet include fruit, shoots, bulbs, tree bark and leaves.

Julie Mansell explained, "This birth is fantastic news for Belfast Zoo, as we are part of an internationally important breeding and conservation programme which is designed to help safeguard the future of western lowland gorillas. Gorillas are facing the real and severe risk of extinction in their native habitat due to habitat loss as well as the pet trade. Adults are also killed for bush meat and trophy hunting."

Father, Gugas, is Belfast Zoo's silverback gorilla. He was born in the wild but had a tragic start to life as his parents were both killed, most likely for smuggling. As a young, sick, orphaned gorilla, he was acquired by Lisbon Zoo from a Portuguese circus. Later he was transferred to Stuttgart Zoo in Germany to live in a nursery group for orphaned gorillas.

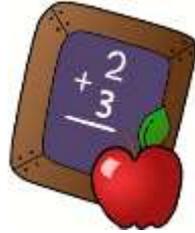
In 1998, Gugas arrived in Belfast Zoo and is genetically very important to the European breeding programme. He is only represented by his offspring in the zoo population. Gugas' initial fertility tests were not promising due to his unfortunate early years; however, he has defied the odds to father four infants at Belfast Zoo.

Visitors have a chance to see the newest arrival in the zoo's gorilla house. The zoo is open every day 10am – 4pm with last admission at 2.30pm.

Online booking is essential to book click [Here](#)



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10. UPDATE FROM WEE CRITTERS

WEE CRITTERS IS A FULLY MOBILE AND PROFESSIONAL INTERACTIVE ANIMAL EDUCATION SERVICE WHICH OPERATES THROUGHOUT NORTHERN IRELAND.

WE UNFORTUNATELY LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE MANY SPECIES OF BOTH ANIMALS AND PLANTS ARE ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION. DEVELOPING AN APPRECIATION OF WILDLIFE IN OUR CHILDREN IS A FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN SAFEGUARDING THE SAFETY AND FUTURE OF OUR WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENT.

Our mission is to bring the wonder of wildlife straight to your school with the aim of providing a unique, fun, memorable and educational experience which will inspire a lifelong appreciation for wildlife and a commitment to playing an active role in the protection and conservation of animals and the natural environment.

SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

LET OUR INTREPID EXPLORER TAKE YOUR CLASS ON AN INTERACTIVE ADVENTURE. ALONG WITH HIS TEAM OF 'WEE CRITTERS', ALLAN, WILL BRING THE NATURAL WORLD STRAIGHT TO YOUR CLASSROOM.

With curriculum-based topics to suit all age groups, our sessions will give you the chance to meet some of our specially selected animal ambassadors and will support work being carried out in your class.

ALL OF OUR SESSIONS ARE COVERED BY A FULL RISK ASSESSMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE.

NEW SCHOOL BROCHURE

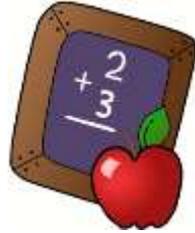
OUR NEW SCHOOL BROCHURE FOR 2021 / 2022 IS NOW AVAILABLE! Whether it's rainforests, classification, nocturnal animals, mini-beasts, endangered species, lifecycles or habitats, we have a topic to suit you and your class.

Download our new school brochure at www.weecritters.org/schools

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ENDANGERED ANIMAL AWARDS

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER WEE CRITTERS AND THE C2K NEWSDESK RAN A COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLS ACROSS NORTHERN IRELAND AND WE WERE OVERWHELMED BY THE RESPONSE WITH MORE THAN 1400 ENTRIES!

Wee Critters produced an educational video for classes to watch (on the C2K Newdesk) about endangered animals, the threats facing our world and the 'wee ways' we can all help! Key Stage 1 pupils were then asked to select, draw and write a few sentences about their chosen endangered animal while Key Stage 2 pupils had to create a fact file about their selected animal.

We were delighted by the response to the competition. The quantity and quality of the submissions was overwhelming with little explorers featuring a wide range of species in their work. It is fantastic that 1400 little explorers in classrooms across Northern Ireland were actively learning about endangered species, the problems facing these animals and conservation.

WINNERS

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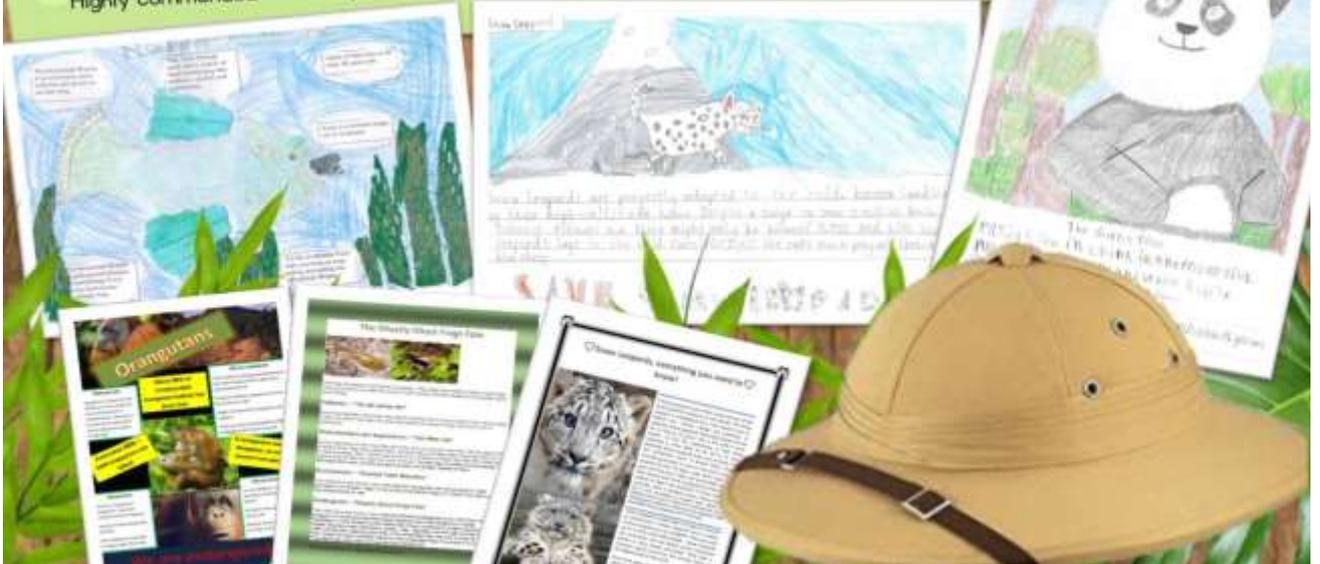
- 1st prize
- 2nd prize
- 3rd prize
- Highly commended
- Highly commended

- Humphead wrasse by Annie from St Colman's Primary School (Newry)
- Snow leopard by Freya from St Comgall's Primary School (Bangor)
- Giant panda by Harry from Ballydown Primary School
- Black rhino by Max Hardy from Memorial Primary School
- Golden frog by William from Hezlett Primary School

KEY STAGE 2

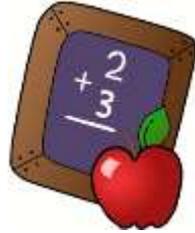
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- Orangutan by Raphael from Ballydown Primary School
- Ghost frog by Rebekah from Aughnacloy Primary School
- Snow leopard by Amelia from Ballymoney Model Primary School
- Rhino by Benjamin from Knockahollet Primary School
- Red panda by Archie from Ballydown Primary School





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CURRICULUM-BASED TOPICS

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN AND EDUCATIONAL FOR YOUR CLASS THIS YEAR? CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR CURRICULUM-BASED TOPICS!

<p>WORLD AROUND US</p> <p>EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND YOU AND THE ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN THEM. LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT CLIMATES AND THE ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN EACH.</p> 	<p>JUNGLE VIPs</p> <p>MEET THE GREAT PRIMATES AND THE LEAF EATING MONKEYS OF THE JUNGLE!</p> <p>Learn about the incredible world of primates. They are the most intelligent of all animals and are found in many different habitats. Find out how they live and what they eat.</p> 	<p>CIRCLE OF LIFE</p> <p>WE'LL HELP YOU HELP TO GIVE YOUR CLASS A "GREENING" TALK ABOUT ANIMALS (REPTILES)</p> <p>Find out all about animals, including how they live, what they eat, and how they reproduce. We'll also talk about the importance of protecting the environment.</p> 	<p>HOME SWEET HOME</p> <p>TAKE A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD TO MEET THE ANIMALS THAT CALL FOREST, HILLS, MOUNTAINS AND GRASSLANDS HOME!</p> <p>Learn about different habitats, how animals are adapted to these environments, the threats they face, and how we can help them.</p> 
<p>WEEBLASTIES</p> <p>LET YOUR LITTLE OWLS MEET OUR LITTLE CRAWLERS!</p> <p>Learn how we can help protect our environment. We'll talk about the importance of recycling, saving water, and using energy wisely. We'll also learn about the different ways that animals are adapted to their environment.</p> 	<p>WE ARE TURTLES</p> <p>LEARN THE HISTORY OF LIFE ON EARTH AND THE EVOLUTIONARY LINKS BETWEEN TURTLES!</p> <p>Learn about the incredible world of turtles. They are the oldest living animals on Earth and have survived through many different environments. Find out how they live and what they eat.</p> 	<p>WANTING TO CHANGE</p> <p>FINO OUT HOW ANIMALS ARE ADAPTED TO LIVE IN DIFFERENT CLIMATES AND SEASONS!</p> <p>Learn about the different ways that animals are adapted to their environment. We'll talk about the importance of protecting the environment and how we can help them.</p> 	<p>WANT'S ON THE MENU?</p> <p>WE'LL HELP YOU TO GIVE YOUR CLASS A "GREENING" TALK ABOUT ANIMALS (REPTILES)</p> <p>Find out all about animals, including how they live, what they eat, and how they reproduce. We'll also talk about the importance of protecting the environment.</p> 
<p>EDGE OF EXTINCTION</p> <p>FROM DINOSAURS TO DOGMA, SPECIES THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE BEEN NEAR TO EXTINCTION!</p> <p>Learn how animals have survived the world's most dangerous events. We'll talk about the importance of protecting the environment and how we can help them.</p> 	<p>AFRICA ALIVE</p> <p>LET US REMIND YOU TO AFRICA WITH OUR ANIMALS, YOUR CLASSROOM!</p> <p>Learn about the incredible world of African animals. They are the most diverse of all animals and are found in many different habitats. Find out how they live and what they eat.</p> 	<p>WANTING TO CHANGE</p> <p>FINO OUT HOW ANIMALS ARE ADAPTED TO LIVE IN DIFFERENT CLIMATES AND SEASONS!</p> <p>Learn about the different ways that animals are adapted to their environment. We'll talk about the importance of protecting the environment and how we can help them.</p> 	<p>CUSTOM TOPICS</p> <p>WE CAN BRING MANY SESSIONS TO YOUR CLASS! FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE OUTDOORS!</p> <p>Learn about the different ways that animals are adapted to their environment. We'll talk about the importance of protecting the environment and how we can help them.</p> 
<p>MIDNIGHT MAYHEM</p> <p>LET OUR WEE CITTERS INTRODUCE YOUR CLASS TO THE THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT!</p> <p>Find out about the incredible world of nocturnal animals. They are the most diverse of all animals and are found in many different habitats. Find out how they live and what they eat.</p> 	<p>SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL IN A BALL</p> <p>WHETHER THEY CARRY A STICK, LOOK LIKE A FAT BOY AND THE BACKGROUND, ANIMALS HAVE MANY WAYS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES!</p> <p>Learn about the incredible world of animals. They are the most diverse of all animals and are found in many different habitats. Find out how they live and what they eat.</p> 	<p>LOVE YOUR LOCALS</p> <p>ANIMALS OF OUR OWN SOCIETY ARE IN BOUNDS!</p> <p>Find out more about the incredible world of animals. They are the most diverse of all animals and are found in many different habitats. Find out how they live and what they eat.</p> 	<p>I LIKE TO MOVE IT</p> <p>WHETHER THEY SWIM, CRAWL OR CLIMB, OUR CITTERS CAN HELP YOUR REPTILES HAVE A BALL!</p> <p>Learn about the different ways that animals are adapted to their environment. We'll talk about the importance of protecting the environment and how we can help them.</p> 

OUR DIARY FOR 2022 IS NOW OPEN!

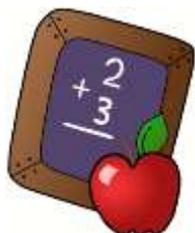
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WEE CITTERS IS FULLY LICENSED BY DAERA TO PROVIDE THESE SESSIONS AND IS RECOGNISED THROUGH THIS LICENSING PROCESS FOR DEMONSTRATING GOOD ANIMAL CARE PRACTICES AND HAVING HIGH STANDARD OF FACILITIES.



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11. GROWING FOR THE FUTURE - NOVEMBER

Visit the Growing for the Future resource on www.ccea.org.uk/growing and get ideas to manage your garden. A chilly month normally but a good time to think about adding some permanent fruit to your garden. Fruit trees and bushes take very well when planted out in the dormant season.

CCEA has developed a web resource, in partnership with Tourism NI, to encourage children to grow fruit and vegetables, explore where food comes from and to promote healthy eating.

Teachers can access curriculum-linked resource sheets for Key Stages 1 and 2 divided into the calendar year, with monthly overviews and guidance to growing the fruits and vegetables that are in season. These resources can support many of the Ten Topics of the Eco-Schools Green Flag journey, such as Biodiversity, Energy and Healthy Living.

Let us know how you get on with any of these activities by sharing on CCEA's social media or email Melanie Mulligan, Education Manager on mmulligan@ccea.org.uk.

12. ADOPT A SPOT

Adopt A Spot can help!

With thanks to DAERA we have 500 FREE Adopt A Spot kits to help individuals and communities make a difference in their local areas.

The Adopt A Spot programme has grown to include four types of kits to help create cleaner, greener outdoor spaces. You can apply for one of four free kits:

Food for Thought - A starter food growing kit to help you grow food at home or in a community setting. Enjoy fresh organic vegetables and reduce the miles your food travels from field to plate. The kit contains pots, peat free compost, seeds, watering can, gloves and hand tools.

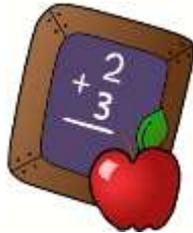
Wildlife (rewilding) - Increase habitats in small spaces. Kit contains a build it yourself timber bird box, bat box and bug box and some native Irish wildflower seed.

Coastal Health - Help tackle the tide of marine litter on our beautiful beaches. Kit contains litter pickers, handy hoops (to hold bags open), bags, gloves and sieves for monitoring micro plastics. beaches.

Litter picking - A handy kit for picking litter as you enjoy a walk in your favourite spot. Kit contains litter pickers, gloves, first aid kit, sharps box, bags and bucket.



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Apply to Adopt A Spot through the The Live Here Love Here app. Download on the play and app stores for iOS and Android devices by searching Live Here Love Here.

You can also access it online by going to <https://livehereandlovehere.app> or by clicking the button below.

[Apply to Adopt A Spot here](#)

PLEASE NOTE you will need to create a new profile on the App, even if you have an existing Live Here Love Here Profile.

What's happens Next?

When you register for Adopt A Spot, we will approve your application. We'll then be in touch for you to book an appointment to collect the equipment from a local collection point. This can take up to a month, depending on demand and where your local collection point is.

Collection points will include:

Belfast, Bangor, Comber, Armagh, Newry, Dungannon, Fintona, Enniskillen, Omagh, Derry/Londonderry, Magherafelt, Antrim, Coleraine, Ballymena, Larne.

NEW IN NOVEMBER - AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME.

Can you help make an impact in your local area by helping others to take action? The Adopt A Spot Ambassador Scheme is recruiting 10 individuals who want to step-up to make a difference. We are looking for volunteers who are passionate about reducing their impact on the planet and are enthusiastic about encouraging others to make a difference too.

The scheme provides training and resources to give the confidence and skills to represent Live Here Love Here at events and to equip you lead your own events.

The offer:

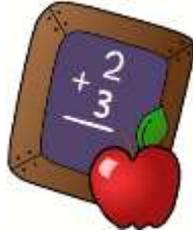
- Become part of the Live Here Love Here team in a voluntary capacity.
- Represent Live Here Love Here at activities in your local area.
- Host litter picking events during key campaigns.
- Share your enthusiasm for taking action by engaging with local communities, programme partners and the media - if you're brave enough!

How we can help you:

- Training package - online and in person. Health and Safety, Safeguarding, Media, Carbon Literacy, Event Management.
- Resources to lead events - litter picking kits, branded clothing and Live Here Love Here promotional resources.
- Volunteer expenses



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- Networking opportunities with like-minded folk.
- Attendance at key Live Here Love Here events.

We are looking for a geographical spread of volunteers across council areas to help our outreach programme reach local communities.

Interested? Contact us at adoptaspot@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org for more details and to organise a chat with the team. A volunteer application form and Access NI will need to be completed

More about the Adopt A Spot Scheme

Is there an area near you that could use a bit of TLC? Could you commit to carrying out just four clean ups a year? Then get involved in our Adopt A Spot programme!

Adopt a Spot is a scheme that enables volunteers across Northern Ireland to adopt an area and look after it.

Adopters can be anyone, from families, community or youth groups, schools and sporting associations. Live Here Love Here will provide groups with an adoption pack containing all the equipment you need, including a hints and tips booklet on how to run a successful clean up.

The guys at Mid Ulster Walking Club take their litter pickers out with them on all of their walks across Northern Ireland - mostly the Mourne Mountains! Your spot can be as big or as small as you want it to be, it can even be the street you live on! It could be a mile of beach that always seems to be full of litter, an urban park, your local forest.... anywhere is possible!

The Adopt A Spot programme is funded through DAERA.

13. MOUNTAINEERING IRELAND UPDATED WALKING WITH WILDLIFE GUIDE

Click on the link below to get the latest Mountaineering Ireland Walking with Wildlife Guide.

[Mountaineering Ireland produce printable Walking with Wildlife guide](#)

You can also contact helen@mountaineering.ie if you are interested in receiving a batch of printed hard copies

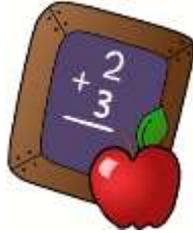
RESOURCES

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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. [Here](#)

3. MAGILLIGAN FIELD CENTRE RESOURCES

Magilligan Field Centre presents a new set of *free* outdoor learning activity resources for primary schools. What better time to plan for a term filled with outdoor learning opportunities, fresh air and adventures in your school grounds!

Follow the link below to find all the details and resource links.

[Here](#)



4. ECO SCHOOLS RESOURCES

Eco-Schools have an excellent range of resources for teachers and students available on their website, to check these out go to the following link: [Here](#)

TRAINING & EVENTS

1. VARIOUS EVENTS

Some organisations are beginning to hold events now; those I know of are listed below. 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

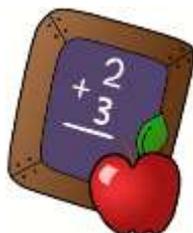
Check out Belfast Hills Partnership events on <https://belfasthills.org/events/>

National Trust NI Events which have to be pre booked on

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/location/1431734304954/whats-on>



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FUNDING

1. BIG LOTTERY AWARDS FOR ALL NORTHERN IRELAND

What funding is available?

National Lottery Awards for All Northern Ireland

£300–£10,000

- Projects bringing local people together to make positive changes in their community.
- No deadline, so groups can apply any time.
- Applying is quick and simple.
- Applications welcome from constituted voluntary or community organisations, schools, and statutory bodies.
- If we funded you within the last two years, we may have to give priority to other groups that have not recently been funded through this programme.
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- For more information, click on the link below

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/northern-ireland>

2. TOGETHER FOR OUR PLANET FUND

COP26: New community climate action fund – Together for Our Planet – open thanks to National Lottery players (via Community Fund)

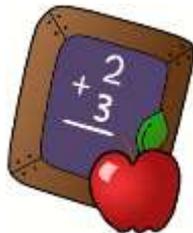


A new £2.5m National Lottery–funded programme to support communities across the UK take action on climate change has opened for applications – ahead of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), in Glasgow this November.

Building on interest and excitement for COP26, the 'Together for Our Planet' funding programme is being launched by The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK. It is



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offering grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to support local community projects, covering areas such as food, transport, energy, waste and consumption and the natural environment. It aims to create a legacy of ongoing climate action in hundreds of communities, beyond COP26, supporting the UK to reduce its emissions on its part to Net Zero by 2050.

The new programme opens as The National Lottery Community Fund launches a new online 'Climate Hub' – a dedicated space to find latest funding news, insights, learnings and stories on climate change and the environment.

Nick Gardner, Head of Climate Action at The National Lottery Community Fund, said: *“COP26 looks set to be a pivotal point in the global response to the climate emergency. Our new funding programme, Together for Our Planet, made possible thanks to National Lottery players, hopes to harness the interest and excitement around this event and support community organisations across the UK to take ongoing action on climate change.*

“With this programme we are keen to reach those who are not sure how to take climate action or haven't before, helping ensure that climate action moves further into the mainstream, and is accessible and relevant to all communities.”

Together for Our Planet is looking to fund proposals for community-led climate action projects, with applications needing to meet at least two of the following five criteria:

1. It supports the development of longer-term climate action within communities (that is, taking place after the COP26).
2. It encourages communities to plan for the climate emergency – to consider what climate action could mean to them and why it matters.
3. It celebrates the importance of community-led climate action and encourages more people to get involved.
4. It builds resilience in communities that are hardest hit by climate change.
5. It provides jobs, skills or training opportunities for communities which support climate action.

[Read more via Community Fund...](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

See opportunities listed below

[ORNI– GIS Technician](#)

(Closing date:19/11/2021)

[ORNI– GIS Analyst](#)

(Closing date:19/11/2021)

[The Woodland Trust – Community Development Officer](#)

(Closing date:21/11/2021)

[Glas–Na–Bradán Wood and Belfast Hills Project Manager](#)

(Closing date:28/11/2021)

[The Rivers Trust – GIS Analyst – Northern Ireland](#)

(Closing date:29/11/2021)

[Jubilee Community Farmer](#)

(Closing date:29/11/2021)

[Belfast Healthy Cities– Chair](#)

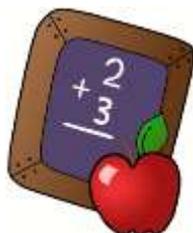
(Closing date:13/12/2021)

[Groundwork NI: Assistant Gardener \(Job start\)](#)

(Closing date:13/12/2021)



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MEMBERSHIP OF ESD FORUM

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The Education for Sustainable Development Forum is the networking body for the sector that promotes a coordinated approach to the delivery of environmental education in Northern Ireland. Forum Membership consists of organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors. Most members are actively involved in environmental education and bring a wide range of expertise and enthusiasm to the forum. Membership to the ESD Forum is open to all individuals and organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors.

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

	Voluntary Organisation	Statutory Body
Any Organisation, either voluntary or statutory	£48	£48

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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