

**ESD Day at Stranmillis University, Belfast
15 November 2010**

Feedback Summary

Workshops provided by: RSPB, Belfast City Council Waste Division

Overall: Both workshops were very well received with comments like 'very informative', and 'will be very useful in teaching'. Again the big winners were the RSPB Garden Activity and George's Grass Head Activity. Very positive activity on a well worth morning.

What did you learn from the day?

- ❖ Variety of resources that could be used in the classroom
- ❖ Encourage sustainability and recycling
- ❖ Wasn't aware that groups would come into schools
- ❖ Loved the 'garden story'
- ❖ Enjoyed hearing about the rainforest
- ❖ The waste hierarchy
- ❖ Red, amber and green list of birds
- ❖ How you can link birds, waste and rainforests into the curriculum
- ❖ How interesting these topics can be

What were the good points of the day?

- ❖ Very interactive
- ❖ Really great teaching ideas
- ❖ Speakers really interesting and engaging
- ❖ Really good demonstrations and activities to use in the classroom
- ❖ Didn't realise there was as much information out there
- ❖ Enjoyed the videos

What could be improved upon?

- ❖ More hands on – practical activities
- ❖ Even more resources and activity ideas

Did you find the speakers useful/ interesting?

- ❖ Very interesting – used really good visual aids
- ❖ Explained everything very well

What would you like future training sessions to include?

- ❖ Some more resources to take away
- ❖ Bit more interactive
- ❖ More information on birds that are in danger in Northern Ireland

Was getting to and from the workshops on time easy/ok/difficult?

- ❖ Yes was fine

RSPB:

Overall feedback from 17 students.

The students enjoyed the workshop, would have liked to find out more about the birds that are in danger in Northern Ireland. They thought the 'garden activity' was very good and would be very beneficial as it would cover many areas of the curriculum.

Overall score: 4

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The students commented on the amount of new information that they received, many had never really thought much about recycling. As usual the grass head activity is definitely a big winner in this workshop and would cover many areas of the curriculum.

Overall score: 4.5