

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

Feedback Summary

Workshops provided by: RSPB, Belfast City Council Waste Division

Overall: The students had very positive feedback on these workshops, with words like 'fab', 'very enjoyable and interesting', 'excellent thank you'. They found the workshops really interesting with good ideas for the future. Again the usual comment of more resources to take away came up but all and all very well received morning.

What did you learn from the day?

- ❖ Great lesson ideas
- ❖ Lots of ways to incorporate outside organisations into the classroom
- ❖ The amount of resources available
- ❖ What Education for Sustainable Development really is
- ❖ The facts about the rain forests
- ❖ Facts about waste and birds
- ❖ Enjoyed seeing how we affect the lives of birds
- ❖ The Northern Ireland does not have bird protection once they go out to sea
- ❖ A better understanding of protecting the environment for us and for animals

What were the good points of the day?

- ❖ Provided lots of good ideas for lessons
- ❖ Very focused on the teaching of the topics rather than just giving us facts
- ❖ Really good eye opener to the amount of resources
- ❖ Making the grass head
- ❖ Different slants on topics
- ❖ The curriculum link – didn't realise there were so many
- ❖ Enjoyed the video clips
- ❖ Lots of practical advice

What could be improved upon?

- ❖ More time – some of it was rushed coming up to the end
- ❖ More focus on Key Stage 2
- ❖ The recycling workshop maybe more practical activities or even more resources

Did you find the speakers useful/ interesting?

- ❖ Very interesting with lots of really good ideas
- ❖ Both groups very helpful and informative
- ❖ Pity couldn't have been longer

What would you like future training sessions to include?

- ❖ Maybe some information on what goes on in other council areas
- ❖ More rainforest stuff
- ❖ Lesson ideas
- ❖ More practical

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

- ❖ Yes was fine

RSPB:

Overall feedback from 20 students.

The students really enjoyed this workshop, they commented on how enjoyable the rainforest element was and would have like to spend more time on the whole rainforest topic. The 'story mat' activity was well received the

building of the garden with the different components pond etc and how this linked with the curriculum. Well received and enjoyable workshop.

Overall score: 4.5

Belfast City Council Waste Division

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Again the big winner in this workshop was the grass head activity and how easy it would be to do in the classroom with the children. Also the Mr Rat story would be really good with the younger children and would get the whole recycling message across. Maybe bring in a range of different recycled/recyclable materials or objects. Another well received workshop.

Overall score: 4