

ESD Day at Queen's University Belfast

15th October 2010

Feedback Summary

Workshops provided by: Action Renewables, Eco Schools, Eco UNESCO, Red Cross, RSPB

Overall:-

The feedback for the day was very encouraging, with the following being used to describe it by the students, good, interesting, very enjoyable and excellent. Some students still don't get the link between their subject and ESD although the number is getting less each year. Many commented on the students from Lagan College, how they were very interesting, enthusiastic and a credit to their school. Without doubt the day was a huge success. Well done to all.

What did you learn from the day?

- ❖ How Education for Sustainable Development can be related to individual subjects
- ❖ Activities to get pupils to realise they can influence their surroundings and world
- ❖ Didn't realise there were so many organisations out there doing Education for Sustainable Development
- ❖ Different techniques to involve the whole class
- ❖ Didn't know about Eco-Schools
- ❖ That Sustainable Development plays a major role in our world today
- ❖ A good insight into local and global 'citizenship' type issues
- ❖ That Education for Sustainable Development is part of the NI Curriculum
- ❖ That there are many job opportunities in the area of Education for Sustainable Development
- ❖ A lot about NI as a hub for renewable energy
- ❖ How interesting Education for Sustainable Development can be
- ❖ The wealth of groups and resources available

What were the good points of the day?

- ❖ Very informative and interesting
- ❖ The activities were very good
- ❖ The presentation from the pupils to show what they have been doing and to see how enthusiastic they were
- ❖ The video made by the pupils
- ❖ Lots of good learning ideas
- ❖ Good meeting the people from the various organisations
- ❖ How passionate the speakers were
- ❖ Very well structured and lots of detail
- ❖ Talking to and hearing from the pupils from Lagan College
- ❖ Ideas for lesson plans
- ❖ The presentations were very engaging and exciting
- ❖ Adrian's teaching style
- ❖ It was fun, energetic and interesting
- ❖ Enjoyed the group work, seeing exactly how children could take part in projects
- ❖ Seeing the solar panels and learning about other energy saving devices
- ❖ Enjoyed the Eco-UNESCO group activities

What could be improved upon?

- ❖ A bit more subject relevance
- ❖ More time felt it was a bit rushed
- ❖ Bit more guidance beforehand
- ❖ More resources on how to deliver the information to a class
- ❖ Bigger room would have allowed small group activities
- ❖ A two hour workshop needs a break 5 – 10mins
- ❖ More group stuff as it get s points across better

Did you find the speakers useful / interesting?

- ❖ Yes very interesting, well presented and useful activities
- ❖ Really enjoyed their enthusiasm for their subjects
- ❖ The students from Lagan College did their school proud
- ❖ The informal atmosphere helped facilitate questions
- ❖ Liked the fact that they were all very different
- ❖ Adrian was extremely enthusiastic and entertaining

What would you like future training sessions to include?

- ❖ More ideas to implement in the classroom
- ❖ More resources and maybe a bit longer
- ❖ Ideas/lesson plans
- ❖ More of the same, was very impressed
- ❖ Maybe a bit more questioning and debate
- ❖ Links for resources
- ❖ Bit more relevance to the various subject areas
- ❖ More focused on education
- ❖ Maybe more classroom examples

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

- ❖ No problems getting to and from workshops

Action Renewables

Overall feedback from 47 students

In this workshop the students commented on how they enjoyed seeing the examples of energy saving devices, how Adrian related so much of the relevance to Ireland and the subject areas within the curriculum. There was great interaction in the group which led to a good atmosphere, the students also commented on Adrian's commitment and enthusiasm. A thoroughly enjoyed workshop.

Overall score 4

Eco-Schools

Overall feedback from 51 students

The students enjoyed the presentation from Lagan College it was good to hear first hand from the pupils and teacher about setting up an Eco Committee and their various roles within it and also how willing they were to share their experiences and answer any questions. They also enjoyed the litter projects and the carbon footprint elements. They also felt that the topics discussed could be easily changed into lesson plans. A very well received workshop.

Overall score 4

Eco-UNESCO

Overall feedback from 48 students

The students really enjoyed the group work and activities of this workshop particularly the Dragon's Den activity. They also commented that they were given good practical ideas and lots of examples to use in schools, and also an action plan on how to teach ESD in the classroom. This workshop was well received with positive feedback.

Overall score 4

Red Cross / RSPB

Overall feedback from 49 students

Within this workshop the students commented on the different active learning activities and how thought provoking they were. They also liked the practical way they could apply the resources to the school. The setting up of the camp following the Red Cross video was really enjoyed, as was the RSPB bird game. Good positive feedback on both elements of this workshop.

Overall Score 4