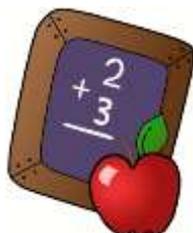




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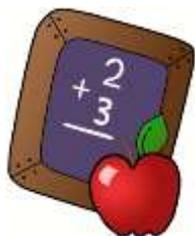
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the latest **E-Bulletin** from the **Education for Sustainable Development Forum** that 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

As we approach the end of the school year I hope you all get a well –deserved break, let us hope the weather improves.

Please don't forget to send me in any news items or events that you may be organising as we now have a new website <https://www.esdforum.org.uk/> it has just recently gone live and I will be updating it over the number of weeks.

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.

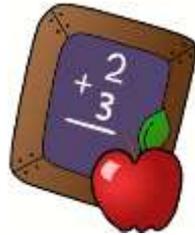
[**A New Strategy and Action Plan for Education for Sustainability \(EfS\) - Full Report**](#)

[**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.)



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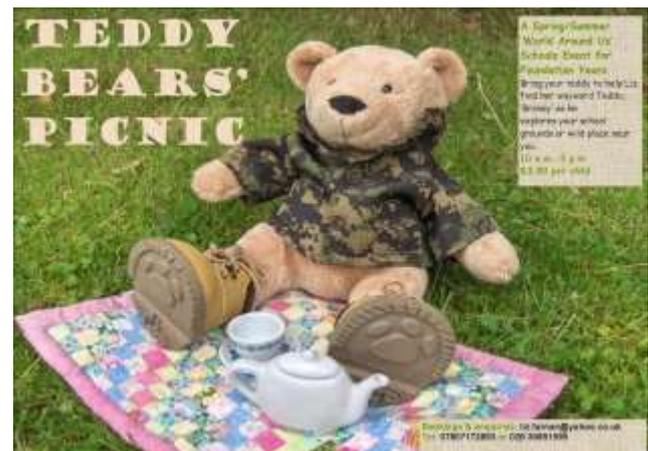
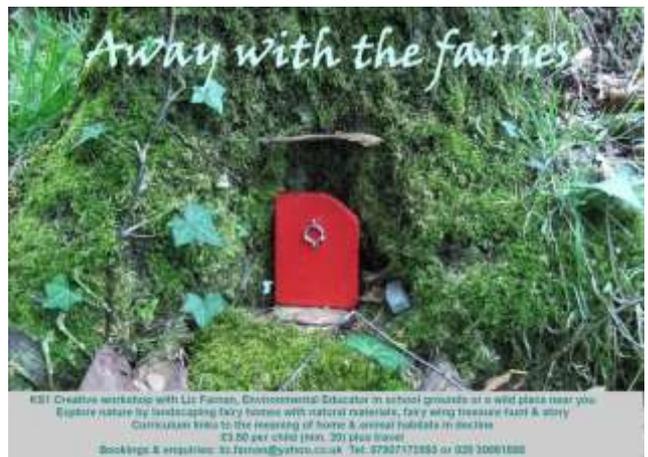


promoted on the website do feel free to contact me. It is a good opportunity to get your information out to a wide audience at no charge to you or your organisation.

Congratulations are due to Professor Julian Orford and Dr Alan Cooper who both received BEM's in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, both gentlemen are members of CNCC. Janet Wilson a founder member of the Forum and Catherine Gleave who was also a committee member on the Forum both received BEM's for their work with Gift International. A huge well done to all four worthy recipients.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NEWS

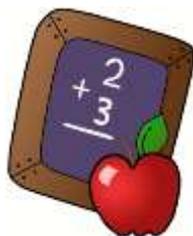
1. SUMMER THEMED OUTDOOR WORKSHOPS



Liz Farnan, Environmental Educator can deliver summer themed workshops to Foundation, KS1 and KS2 pupils to support 'outdoor classrooms' in your school grounds or a wild place near you. Themes can include



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Gruffalo Trails, 'Minibeasts', 'Pond dipping', 'Bird Murder Mystery', 'Teddy Bears Picnics', 'It's a shore thing', 'Away with the fairies', exploring woodlands etc.

Liz is also available for outdoor summer scheme sessions (exciting indoor alternatives on extremely wet days).

To book, for more details on price, content and curriculum links or to discuss please contact liz.farnan@yahoo.co.uk or Tel. 028 3085 1595.

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

2. 'THE RIVER' – CATCHMENTCARE'S ONLINE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

In the previous issue of this E-Bulletin, we reported on how CatchmentCARE's education programme had gone online due to the educators not being able to access local schools or facilitate out of classroom visits due to the C19 Pandemic.

In response to this, we developed Series 1 of "*The River*" which allowed young people to still learn about and understand their local rivers during this time. After the great response from by local teachers, principals and pupils across the country, we have been out and about again and have created a brand new series of "**The River**". **Yes! We're back for series 2.**



Series 2 contains lots of new features, great interviews, and activities based on our local rivers and is a **continuation of the learning** from series 1 but we hope, a whole lot more fun. It also includes information for you to contact the individuals and organisations featured in each episode so that, in the future, you could use them and their educational resources at your school.

There are five episodes in the first series, each 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). The five episodes are as follows are available on the CatchmentCARE you tube channel -

Episode one: "**Tangled**". Alyn and Stephen explore the river ecosystem and habitats, they discuss species adaptation and encourage birds to the garden to survey. <https://youtu.be/RPcCx4WOOqY>



Episode two: "Wer RU". Stephen and Alyn discuss how to use plans, maps and GIS to find our way around. <https://youtu.be/nIN0UdfES20>

Episode three: "EIEIO". Stephen and Alyn are down on the farm and see how eutrophication affects our rivers and lakes. <https://youtu.be/z34Fbq2qDwo>

Episode four: "School of Rocks". Alyn and Stephen explore the connection between rocks and rivers. <https://youtu.be/JgJS6BTuD8A>

Episode five: "Little Fishy". In this, the concluding episode of "The River", Alyn and Stephen switch their focus to freshwater biodiversity and explore the difference between freshwater and saltwater.

Interviews with the Loughs Agency and Inland Fisheries Ireland help provide valuable insight into fish species and local river biology. <https://youtu.be/JODMLdDu1KA>

3. BLACKWATER COMMUNITY PROJECTS UPDATE

The community incentive scheme (CIS) has been one of the success stories of the CatchmentCARE project. In the Blackwater Catchment alone 23 successful community projects have been supported and delivered over two phases of the scheme. In Phase 2 of the scheme, 12 projects were funded which included access works, community river trails, funding for volunteer training and supply of specialised equipment, bio-blitz events, citizen science projects and interpretation and signage.

Bioblitz Events build a picture of river wildlife

In Phase 2 of the CIS, six local community groups were interested in running Bioblitz type events to help upskill their members and local community as to the Biodiversity of their local river / watercourse.

What is a Bioblitz?

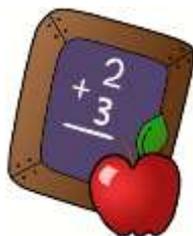
A bioblitz is a biological surveying method in an attempt to record all the living species within a designated area. Groups of scientists, naturalists and volunteers conduct an intensive field study over a continuous time period - this mixture of wildlife experts and the wider public is key to the BioBlitz



concept. It is an informal and fun way to create a snapshot of the variety of life that can be found in an area and provides an opportunity for participants to learn together and share their expertise and enthusiasm for nature. This is a great way of breaking down barriers to engagement with science and raising awareness of the role of biological recording. It also gives the public an opportunity to contribute to a genuine scientific survey.



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In 2021, local environmental expert Karl Hamilton ran these events for the **Blackwater Community Barge, Emyvale Tidy Towns, Eskra Community Association, Mongahan Tidy Towns, Torrent River Enhancement Association and Castlecaulfield Horticultural Society.**

4. DREAMACHINE SCHOOLS NI BRIEFING PACK

W5 are supporting a UK-wide rollout of a very exciting new experience. It is a free set of STEAM resources and CPD/TPL for teachers that are linked to the Dreamachine experience that goes live for the public from 25th July in Carlisle Memorial Church (<https://dreamachine.world/>).



Dreamachine Schools is a UK-wide programme inviting children (ages 5-13) across the country to explore the extraordinary power of the human mind.

Part of UNBOXED: Creativity in the UK and developed by A New Direction in partnership with British Science Association and Unicef UK, explore 30 FREE accredited learning resources supporting creativity and STEAM learning in the classroom, CPD experiences for teachers on wellbeing and mental health, and opportunities to connect with schools across UK. Learn more and explore the free resources at schools.dreamachine.world/

5. WILD ABOUT FOOD

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council are running a free programme of foraging walks and cooking demos led by Forage Ireland are running Borough wide through the seasons. Learn about seasonal, sustainable, produce and some delicious recipes. Booking required details below

Terrific Teas, Thursday 28 July, 6pm to 8.30pm, **Peoples Park** Ballymena
Forage for edible flowers such as elderflower, lime and linden. Make your own terrific teas
Booking link [here](#)

Herbal Healing, Thursday 11 August, 6pm to 8.30pm, **Buttermilk Walk** Broughshane
Forage for edible delights such as elderflower, lime and linden. Learn what delicious herbal tea and cordials you can make
Booking link [here](#)

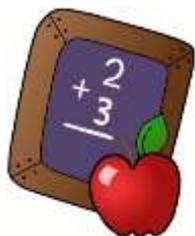
Berry Good, Saturday 27 August, 10am to 1pm, **Linn Glen** Larne
Forage the hedgerows for blackberries and learn how to make delicious jams and drinks
Booking link [here](#)

Amazing Apples, Saturday 24 September, 10am to 1pm, **Diamond Jubilee Wood** Whitehead
Take a stroll through the woods very own community orchard and learn what amazing dishes you can make with apples. Press and sample your own apple juice
Booking link [here](#)

Fungi Foray, Saturday 15 October, 10am to 1pm, **Carnfunnock Country Park**



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Enjoy a walk through Carnfunnock Country Park and forage for edible fungi and learn what delightful dishes you can make
Booking link [here](#)

6. CALLING ALL LITTLE ADVENTURERS!

Belfast Zoo's Explorers' club is a weeklong summer programme for children aged 7 to 11. Combining classroom learning, hands-on activities and behind-the-scenes access in the zoo, this is a ZOOOPER way for kids to learn about conservation and wildlife in a fun and interactive setting.

Little explorers can enjoy the following:

- animal interactions
- trails around the zoo
- VIP behind the scenes access
- arts and crafts
- biodiversity
- meeting the zoo keepers

The Explorers' Club runs from 9.30am to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday on the following dates:

- 4 to 8 July
- 18 to 22 July
- 22 to 26 August



The cost is £125 per week. There is a 10% discount for additional family members.

How to book

To book a place on the Explorers' Club, please call Belfast Zoo on 028 9077 6277 or email education@belfastzoo.co.uk for more information.

Note: Explorers' Club places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. You must book and pay in advance. Activities are subject to change.

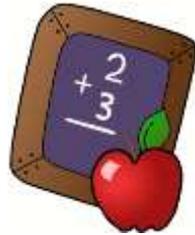
7. BIODIVERSITY EDUCATION SERVICES AT OXFORD ISLAND

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon District Council have a new programme outlining the range of educational programmes available to schools and groups visiting Oxford Island National Nature Reserve on the shores of Lough Neagh.

Programmes for visiting schools and groups are led by knowledgeable staff from the Biodiversity Education team at Oxford focusing on the wildlife and habitats of the area. Programmes are delivered throughout the year with the summer term and the early autumn being very popular with nursery, primary and secondary schools, accommodating up to 60 pupils at one time.



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EDUCATION SERVICE!

Check out the leaflet above to see the full range of activities on offer.

We are now taking school bookings for autumn 2022, spring, and summer 2023.

8. DARK SKIES AND CLIMATE ACTION WORKSHOP 30th JUNE

**Dark Skies and Climate
Action Workshop**
Armagh Planetarium
30th June (10am – 2pm)

The recovery of a dark, starry night sky provides benefits for the environment and human health and wellbeing, all while cutting down on carbon emissions.

Join us to explore the impacts of light pollution, and how it relates to the climate crisis. Together we will explore possible solutions and actions we can take to protect the stars and the planet.

Registration: bit.ly/3zIGyWQ

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Schedule (subject to change):

- 10.00am - Welcome and introduction talk
- 10.30am - Bats NI
- 11.00am - OM Dark Sky Park and Observatory
- 11.30am - Break and planetarium show
- 12.00pm - Hands on workshop
- 13:00pm - Lunch

This workshop is possible thanks to funding provided by the Live Here Love Here Climate Challenge Fund.



9. BELFAST HILLS PARTNERSHIP

Check out Belfast Hills website to discover a number of events that Cave Hill Conservation Campaign (CCHC) have organised between now and the autumn to find out more click [Here](#)

10. NORTHERN IRELAND FOREST SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION AUTUMN CONFERENCE

"From Little Acorns..... celebrating over 200 NIFSA Official Forest Schools"

NIFSA are pleased to announce the 2022 Annual Conference. Save the date - 30th September 2022. The theme of the conference is celebrating over 200 NIFSA official Forest Schools now accredited. We are so proud of this achievement.

The conference will take place at Clandeboye Estate in Bangor, home to our permanent Clandeboye Nature Ranger Forest School site.

The fine details still need to be worked out but will include-

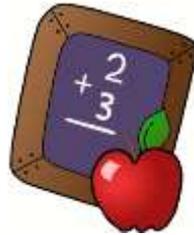
- a) Overview of the new website. Lots of exciting new features to support you in your outdoor learning journey. - [Forest Schools in Northern Ireland \(forestschoolsni.com\)](https://forestschoolsni.com)
(Please bear with us as we move information from our old website over to this new one. Some of the features you will not have access to yet as we create our new registration list).
- b) Introduction to the Level 4 - The OCN NI Level 4 Award in Forest School Programme Management qualification has been designed to enable learners to develop the knowledge and skills in order to manage a sustainable forest school programme. It uses many of the NIFSA resources that have been tried and tested.
- c) Accreditation - introduction to the NIFSA Elder, Birch and Oak accreditation scheme to recognise those active Forest Schools.
- d) Outdoor workshops.
- d) Graduation ceremony for all new Forest School Level 3 teachers
- e) and much more.

The conference is free for all current members of NIFSA (2 free passes per organisation).





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11. 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.
 Child participation, work, welfare and insurance policies are available on request.



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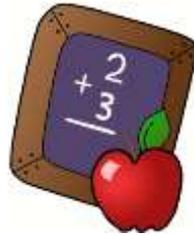
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HERE COMES THE SUN!

IS YOUR SCHOOL OR GROUP PLANNING A HOLIDAY CLUB OR SUMMER SCHEME?

ALLAN THE EXPLORER AND HIS TEAM OF 'WEE CRITTERS' CAN BRING THE WONDER OF WILDLIFE STRAIGHT TO YOUR SUMMER PROGRAMME.

If you are looking for something fun and educational as part of your summer programme, book an interactive animal education session with Wee Critters!

OUR DIARY FOR NEXT YEAR IS NOW OPEN!

Find out more and download our school brochure at www.weecritters.org/schools



A WILD TIME AWAITS YOUR CLASS...

BOOK YOUR CURRICULUM-BASED INTERACTIVE ANIMAL EDUCATION SESSION FOR THE 2022 / 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR!

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| WORLD AROUND US EXPLORE THE WORLD AROUND US AND THE WONDERS THAT LIVE IN IT! Learn about the world around us and the wonders that live in it. We'll explore the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | JUNGLE VIPS MEET THE BEAN PLANTS AND THE LEAF LITTER LOVERS OF THE JUNGLE! Learn all about the world of the jungle and the animals that live there. We'll explore the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | CIRCLE OF LIFE WE'LL SET UP OUR OWN TOY WOOD CLASS & VISIT AND TAKE HOME WOOD LOVERS! Learn all about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | HOME SWEET HOME TAKE A WALK AROUND THE WORLD TO MEET THE ANIMALS THAT CAN FOREST, PLANTS, MOUNTAINS AND OCEANS ARE HOME! Learn about different habitats, how animals are adapted to their environment, the threats facing these environments and how we can protect them. |
| WEE BEASTIES LET YOUR LITTLE OWLS MEET OUR LITTLEST CREATURES! Learn about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | WE ARE HAPPY I SCORE THE HIGHEST ON LIFE IN THE WOOD AND THE LOWEST ON LIFE IN THE WOOD! Learn all about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | WINTER IS COMING FLY INTO THE WOODS AND GET ADAPTED TO LIVE IN A DIFFERENT CLIMATE ALL YEAR! Learn all about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | WANT'S ON THE MENU? WE'LL TAKE YOU ON A WALK TO MEET THE ANIMALS THAT CAN FOREST, PLANTS, MOUNTAINS AND OCEANS ARE HOME! Learn about different habitats, how animals are adapted to their environment, the threats facing these environments and how we can protect them. |
| EDGE OF EXTINCTION FROM DINOSAURS TO BIRD SPECIES THROUGHOUT HISTORY HAVE BEEN NEAR TO EXTINCTION! Learn how animals have survived the toughest of times and find out more about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | AFRICA ALIVE LET US BRING YOU TO AFRICA WITHOUT EVER LEAVING YOUR CLASSROOM! Learn all about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | WINDY WOODS & BIRD WINGS WE'LL GO WITH OUR EXPERIENCE AS BIRDS AS POSSIBLE! Learn all about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | CUSTOM TOPICS WE CAN CREATE SESSIONS TO COVER ANY TOPIC THAT YOU'RE INTERESTED IN! Learn all about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. |
| MIDNIGHT MAYHEM LET OUR WEE CRITTERS INTRODUCE YOUR CLASS TO THE THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT! Find out what is nocturnal and why animals are adapted to life at night. | SHAKE RATTLE AND ROLL IN A BALL WHETHER THEY CAME A LONG WAY OR THEY WERE BORN HERE, ANIMALS HAVE SMART WAYS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES! Learn about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | LOVE YOUR LOCALS ANIMALS ON OUR OWN DOORSTEP ARE IN TROUBLE! Find out more about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. | LET'S GET TO MOVING! WHETHER THEY SWIM, CRAWL OR CLIMB, OUR CRITTERS CAN GET YOUR RE-SCHOOLS MOVING! Learn about the world of the animal kingdom and see how animals are adapted to their environment. |

WE HAVE RECENTLY WELCOMED A LITTLE VEILED CHAMELEON TO THE WEE CRITTER'S FAMILY BUT HE NEEDS A NAME. IF YOU OR YOUR CLASS HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, SEND THEM TO US AT HELLO@WEECRITTERS.ORG

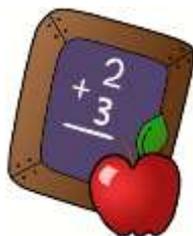
UPCOMING EVENTS!

Wee Critters will be attending some exciting events over the next few months. Find out more at www.weecritters.org/events





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12. GROWING FOR THE FUTURE – JUNE

Visit the Growing for the Future resource on www.ccea.org.uk/growing and get ideas to manage your garden. April should bring some better weather and see the last of the frosts. At last you can really get going with planting and sowing. In June you should be able to start harvesting some of your produce.

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.

13. 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 handtools.

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.

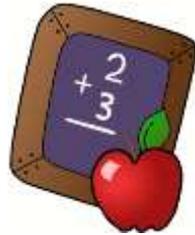
Coastal Health - Help tackle the tide of marine litter on our beautiful beaches. Kit contains litterpickers, handy hoops (to hold bags open), bags, gloves and sieves for monitoring microplastics. beaches.

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

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



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

Email the team with any queries adoptaspot@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org

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.

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:

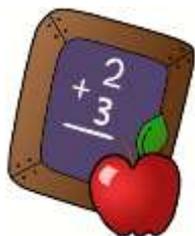
- Become part of the Live Here Love Here team in a voluntary capacity.
- Represent Live Here Love Here at activities in your local area.
- Host litterpicking events during key campaigns.
- Share your enthusiasm for taking action by engaging with local communities, programme partners and the media - if 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 - litterpicking kits, branded clothing and Live Here Love Here promotional resources.
- Volunteer expenses
- Networking opportunities with like-minded folk.
- Attendance at key Live Here Love Here events.



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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.

RESOURCES

1. ULSTER WILDLIFE RESOURCES

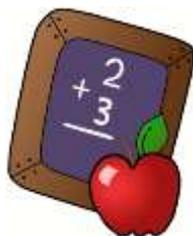
Ulster Wildlife have an excellent range of resources for teachers and students available on their website, to check these out go to the following link. [Here](#)

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](#)



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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/>

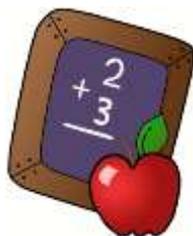
National Trust NI Events which have to be pre booked on <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/location/1431734304954/whats-on>

Check out Ulster Wildlife events on <https://www.ulsterwildlife.org/events>

Check out Woodland Trust events on <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/things-to-do/woods-through-the-seasons/spring/>



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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)

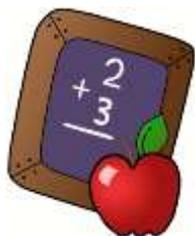


A new £2.5m National Lottery–funded programme to support communities across the UK take action on climate change has opened for applications – ahead of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), in Glasgow in November.

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 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.



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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

[True Harvest Seeds - Marketing Coordinator](#)
[Belfast Healthy Cities – Programme Officer](#)

Closing 30th June 2022
Closing 1st July 2022

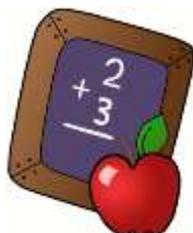
MEMBERSHIP OF ESD FORUM

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The Education for Sustainable Development aswForum 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.



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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

| | 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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