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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 Education for Sustainable Development Forum is the networking body for the Environmental Education and Education for Sustainable Development sector that promotes a co-ordinated 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 ESD 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.

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NEWS FROM THE ESD FORUM

1. ESD FORUM UPDATE

The next edition of the Forum Newsletter will be issued in February and the lead article will be on Coasts/Marine/Fishing. There will be plenty of space for your stories if you would like any articles published in the Newsletter which will be going into every school please feel free to send stories/forthcoming events etc. through to me and I will have them promoted for you.

If you have any information you would like promoted through the E-bulletin please get your information 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 way of getting your information out to a wider audience. I can be contacted at iona@nienvironmentlink.org our website address is www.esdforum.org.uk



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NEWS

1. BUILT HERITAGE SCHOOLS COMPETITION

In 2011 alone, 11 significant listed buildings have been seriously damaged by fire. The loss of these buildings results in huge costs to our economy, local communities and to wider society. This competition has been designed to encourage young people to think about the built heritage as something worth preserving.

The Competition

You are invited to enter the Opening Doors to the Future Competition for schools. Nine winning entries will be displayed at a Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) Built Heritage conference in May 2012 to celebrate Northern Ireland's historic environment. In addition to attending the conference, winners will receive a hand crafted trophy. The competition is open to all schoolchildren across Northern Ireland.

What do you have to do?

To enter the competition you need to research a historic building, structure or site near your school. You must find out as much as you can about its history including things like:

- when it was originally built
- who built it
- who lived in it
- what was its function

You should describe the materials used to build it and illustrate your project with pictures or photographs.

Some buildings are of such historic or architectural importance that they have been designated as a Listed Building or in state care to protect and preserve them. Some buildings have Blue Plaques to show their association with famous people. The building you choose to research may just be important to you. It could be your school, a local church or just a really interesting local monument.

You should be able to demonstrate in your project why it is important to preserve the building you have chosen. Thinking about the social benefits of the restoration of buildings you should devise a conservation plan and consider how you will promote it to local people and tourists. Try and include new and innovative technologies in your promotion proposals where possible and appropriate.

You should produce a display which illustrates the building and its history, its importance, why and how it should be conserved and your plans to promote it.

The closing date for entries is 12 noon on Wednesday 29 February 2012.

The competition classes



Entry to the competition is divided into three age groups. These correspond to Key Stages (KS) in the National Curriculum which set the educational knowledge expected of students at various ages:

- Primary (Key Stage 1 and 2)
- Post-Primary (Key Stage 3)
- 15+ (Key Stage 4 and 5)

The winner and the two runners-up for each age group will be invited to display their projects at the Built Heritage conference in May 2012. The winners of each age group will also give a five minute presentation on their project, demonstrating why they chose their building, why they feel it is important and how they have used innovative ways to preserve and promote it.

They will also be invited to take part in a question and answer session which will take a maximum of 30 minutes.

All the shortlisted projects will also be entered into the People's Choice Award. You will be able to vote for your favourite in the People's Choice Award Built Heritage Competition by text message, or here on the nidirect website, from 12 March 2012.

Curriculum Links

The Curriculum Objectives which are met by this competition are to develop young people as contributors to society, the economy and environment. This project will provide an enquiry-based learning experience.

Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities

- Managing information
- Working with others
- Being creative
- Using ICT

Areas of Learning

- The World Around Us (KS1 and 2)
- Environment and Society (KS3)

Key Stage 1

My environment - historical sites and old buildings in my environment

Key Stage 2

The way we live - the life of a famous person, family or building in the past, either local, national or international.

Key Stage 3

Statutory Requirement Objective 3 Investigate the need to preserve history in the local and global environment, for example, visit an important historical site and evaluate the measures taken to preserve it; create the case for a local



building or site to be preserved; explore the contribution of heritage tourism to society, the economy and the environment.

Key Stage 4 and 5

Links will be determined by specific syllabi being followed.

Application form and rules

The rules and application form for the competition are available on the following pages:

- [Built heritage schools competition rules](#)
- [Built heritage schools competition application form](#)

If you want to enter the competition, download and complete the application form and return it by email to:

- annehayes@doeni.gov.uk

2. THE AYE-AYES HAVE IT

History made as, for the first time ever, students follow the process of creating a Bill of law as they lobby for a Marine Bill.

Student movements are all the rage now, and Stormont's hallowed interiors have not been spared. On the 28th November 2011, students from six secondary schools across Northern Ireland got their inaugural taste of power as they began the long and slow process of following the passage of a Bill as it becomes law – for the first time ever. The exercise is an initiative between the RSPB, the Assembly Education Services and Northern Ireland Marine Task Force (NIMTF).

“We are the only place in the UK not to have a Marine Bill to ensure that our seas, and everything that depends on them, are protected,” said Richard Devlin, NIMTF spokesperson. “For students it is an opportunity to see exactly how civil society works, laws are made and how important the Marine Bill is to the future of our precious marine environment. That young people have chosen this piece of legislation to follow is an indication of just how passionately they feel about the issue. Students will not only make a real difference, but also follow the onerous process of a good idea becoming law.”

Anna Lo, Chair of the Environmental Select Committee, said, “This is an excellent initiative. We need to do more to improve participation in the political process, particularly amongst young people, to give them a sense of ownership of their Assembly. I hope that this event will inspire those young people taking part and that one day some of them will be elected to the Assembly and will be passing legislation. I am glad we are having this event as it will highlight the importance of marine protection and it should encourage the Minister to bring legislation on it before the Assembly.”

Karen Sheil, Education Development Officer, RSPB added, “We are extremely excited that this NIEA supported RSPB education programme is providing the unique opportunity for these students to become active citizens “Stepping up for Nature” to ensure they have a marine environment worth inheriting.”



Among the schools that will be participating is Methodist College, Belfast, who have a huge environment group of over 40 pupils and are passionate about protecting our rich natural heritage in Northern Ireland.

“Ever since I was young, every Sunday I went for a walk along the coast with my father, an avid fisherman and bird watcher, and he pointed out the different species of marine wildlife,” said Amy Arnott, student. “For me, it is important to protect our wildlife so that I can tell my own children about the marine life in Northern Ireland and share the same knowledge and wonder of these creatures with the future generation.”

Fifty per cent of our wildlife species are to be found in the waters that surround Northern Ireland and thousands of people rely on it to make a living. Without protection and sustainable management practices, they are at risk from overfishing, pollution as well as destruction. Among other things, a Marine Bill seeks to establish a network of Marine Conservation Zones, the Marine Spatial Plan for NI, tighten Marine Licensing regulations and create a single body to oversee and co-ordinate the management of the seas. Two students from the Cookstown Holy Trinity College’s environmental group took part in the event too. They were Martin Loughran and Rebecca Conway.

To find out more about the NIMTF and how you can take part in the campaign, go to www.nimtf.org

3. TAKING ACTION TO REWARD THE BEST IN THE GREEN INDUSTRY

The Action Renewables Association Awards in association with Tughans and Travelwise NI are now officially launched. Now in their fourth year, the awards recognise excellence and reward innovation by local companies who are leading the way with renewable energy technologies and sustainability and awareness raising initiatives. The awards are open to all companies throughout Northern Ireland who are showing their commitment to the development and growth of the ‘green’ industry locally.

The awards will take place in the new Titanic Belfast attraction on Tuesday 20th March, 2012, one of a series of familiarisation events taking place ahead of the official opening on 31st March, 2012. This has been agreed due to the environmental and sustainable nature of the awards which compliments the ethos of the new building. As part of the event guests will be given a personalised guided tour of the building’s green credentials, as well as the opportunity to meet and speak to the designer of the building Angus Waddington of Todd Architects and enjoy a 4 course lunch.

Nine prestigious awards are up for grabs including: Best Energy Saving SME (sponsored by ESB IE Electric Ireland); Most Innovative Construction Project (sponsored by The Ardminnan Group); Most Innovative Renewables Installation (sponsored by Dimplex Renewables); Most Sustainable Travel Plan implemented by SME (sponsored by Travelwise NI); Renewable Energy Awareness Award (Best School) (sponsored by RES); Best Training Provider (sponsored by SummitSkills); Best Community Project (sponsored by *brites*); Best Planner: Renewable Energy Project (sponsored by Advent Wind), and Tughans will be presenting the Action Renewables Award for Outstanding Work in the Renewable Energy Sector in Northern Ireland.

Companies are required to submit their entries by Wednesday 25th January 2012 after which the experts at Action Renewables will shortlist the finalists along with judges Norman Aspley, CEO of Northern Ireland Science Park, Linda Stewart Environmental Correspondent at the Belfast Telegraph, and Dr Geraint Ellis and Dr. Stephen McKay both Senior Lecturers at the School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering in Queens University, Belfast.

Speaking at the launch Michael Doran, Director, Action Renewables said; “The Action Renewables Association Awards rewards exceptional projects and those people who are showing their commitment to the renewable energy and



sustainability initiatives locally. The awards have grown from strength to strength each year, which demonstrates the dedication from local businesses to the development of the 'green' industry in Northern Ireland. "

Andrew Ryan, Partner and Head of Energy, Environment and Planning at Tughans added: "Tughans is actively involved in the Renewable Energy sector, advising businesses on issues including funding and financial incentives for renewables projects, planning applications and consents for new installations and commercial agreements for start-up technology companies. These awards therefore provide an ideal opportunity for us to show our support to local companies that are showcasing excellence within the fast moving 'green' sector."

Andy Bready of DRD Travelwise NI added: "We are delighted to be supporting the Action Renewables Awards which recognise the measures that local companies are taking to reduce their negative effect on the environment. Travelwise works with businesses all around NI to help reduce over-dependence on the car for both commuter and business travel through its Workplace Travel Plans, supporting employers in encouraging sustainable travel alternatives to help relieve congestion, improve the environment and improve the health and wellbeing of staff. We hope that these awards will not only reward the excellence and innovation already existing in the public and private sectors, but also appeal to new companies to promote sustainable modes of transport."

To download an entry pack or book a place at the awards visit www.actionrenewables.org or request information from awards@actionrenewables.co.uk

4. CENTRE FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION HAS OFFICE SPACE TO LET

The Centre for Global Education has office space to let in its centrally located premises at 9 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1FY that would be ideal for a voluntary / community sector organisation or social enterprise. We have office accommodation that includes three work stations with shelving, telephone and wireless internet. We are also offering a shared kitchen, photocopier, a twelve-seater meeting / training room and public library with development education resources located on the ground floor. The premises are also protected by a security alarm.

If you are considering relocating and would welcome a location close to the Queen's University campus and Belfast city centre with good transport links by train and bus then call us to arrange a viewing. The office space is available from January 2012 and the annual fee is negotiable. Centre for Global Education (CGE) is a development non-governmental organisation that delivers training and resources on international development issues. Our web site is www.centreforglobaleducation.com.

For details and viewing please contact:

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E-mail: stephen@centreforglobaleducation.com

5. SUPERVALU BEST KEPT SCHOOLS AWARDS

The closing date for 2012 SuperValu Best Kept Schools is 2nd March 2012.

Judging of the SuperValu Best Kept Schools Competition will take place between mid-March and mid May 2012.



The judges will be observing the general tidiness of the outside area including **environmental enhancements such as biodiversity projects, flowerbeds, nature areas, bird boxes, vegetable plots etc.** Extra marks will be allocated where **pupil participation is observed.**

The Awards Ceremony will take place on 12 June. The regional winner in each category will receive a personalized sign, a perpetual trophy and a cheque and also a monetary award for the Best Overall Entry.

The three categories are:

Pre-Primary within a Primary School complex)	3-5 years (including Nursery Schools not situated
Primary School	5-11 years
Post Primary School	11-18 years

Please make sure you have your entry in before **2nd March.**

You can complete the form (as shown) and return it to NIAC, Graham House, Knockbracken Healthcare Park, Saintfield Road, Belfast BT8 8H together with the entry fee of £10.

Alternatively you can submit your entry online by visiting our website www.niacbestkept.com . However, you will need to send a cheque made payable to NIAC by post.

For further information please contact Joan Burton on 028 9040 3681.

6. PUT THE 'SPRING' BACK IN YOUR STEP AT NI WATER'S SILENT VALLEY FAMILY FUN DAY

If you're looking to put the 'Spring' back in your step and embrace the season of rebirth, renewal and regrowth then look no further than the Silent Valley Mountain Park on Sunday 25th March 2012.

NI Water is encouraging the public to step into Spring and join in with their Spring themed event, With activities such as archery, clay pigeon shooting, treasure hunt, face painting and M.r Hullabaloo's Springtime Storybook", The Ark Farms petting corner, you will be mad to miss it!

Normal admission charges to Silent Valley will apply. All activities are free of charge. For more information please contact Waterline on 08457 440088 or visit www.niwater.com/thesilentvalley.asp

7. WORKSHOP – MONDAY 30TH JANUARY: 11.00-16.00: BRAID CENTRE BALLYMENA – THEATRE

A Baglady Productions event supported by: DoE NI, Ballymena Borough Council, NI Environment Link, Patton, Moy Park, Ballymena Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Federation of Small Businesses, schools, and Baglady's friends and family. **There is no charge for this event.**

This workshop is to provide information, raise awareness, and demonstrate to the people of Ballymena that by working together, as one, they can succeed in Living ASAP [As Sustainably as Possible]



Presentations on Living ASAP will be given by DOE NI, Ballymena BC and Patton.

Lunch will be prepared by Braid Centre in-house catering team who have accepted the 'Love Food Hate Waste' challenge and will prepare an ASAP meal.

After lunch smaller groups from business, community, council and schools will be facilitated by Jim Kitchen to decide how they will help each other to work collectively as a community, to Live ASAP and promote Ballymena as a Centre of Excellence. Jim is currently working for the Soil Association, previously the NI Director of the Sustainable Development Commission, he also established and developed the NI office of WWF.

PURPOSES:

- To raise awareness of environmental issues amongst Ballymena communities principally waste reduction, and energy
- To increase the amount of recycling in Ballymena area
- To empower communities in transition to living As Sustainably As Possible
- To facilitate networking and promote sharing of information and experience amongst Ballymena's NGOs, clustered Community Groups and businesses

OUTCOME:

Develop partnerships to support local community in Living ASAP

Ballymena ASAP As Sustainably as Possible Workshop – Monday 30th January 11.00-16.00 BRAID CENTRE- Theatre Baglady Productions email: iris@bagladyproductions.org Tel: 07803 020 479
partnerships, empowering communities in Sustainable actions'

REGISTRATION FORM

email rachael@bagladyproductions.org to receive a form ready to complete and return!

'Developing partnerships, empowering communities in Sustainable actions' Workshop – 13.45-15.15 facilitating maximum 30 participants

Attendees are asked to submit a short description suggesting how the organisation they represent proposes working towards Living ASAP. Contact Rachael for further information or to discuss Tel: 028 9187 8997; email rachael@bagladyproductions.org

Forms returned by 23rd January 4pm will be entered into prize draw to receive a wormery compost system

Postal forms can be requested in writing from:

Iris Cody

Baglady Productions, 29 Russell Manor, Ballyclare, BT39 9YR

Or email: rachael@bagladyproductions.org or Phone: 07803020479



RESOURCES

1. FREE RANGE KIDS WEBSITE

Sustrans' Free Range Kids website is now live. This is part of a new campaign to bring freedom back to the heart of childhood.

On the website you can:

- speak out for free range kids by adding your voice to the pledge
- find free resources and downloads to get kids outdoors and active
- join in the debate on blogs and comment pieces
- get involved as a partner and help to spread the word

Sustrans believes every child deserves to be free range. They should experience the freedom from their front door to go exploring, play outdoors, and make their own way to school and beyond.

Visit their [website](#) or get in touch and help them us make this possible.

2. THE YEAR ROUND ORGANIC SCHOOL

Kerry Earth Education Project with the Irish Seed Savers Association has produced a wonderful resource for teachers and parents who wish to set up or progress their school garden. Simply presented and packed with useful information, this book takes you through the tasks associated with the garden for each month, offers many ideas for projects no matter how small your available space is, and demonstrates clear links as to how the gardening activities can be fully integrated into the curriculum. With class by class plans, glossary of terms, resource lists and photocopy able forms for classroom use; this is a book the school gardener will use again and again.

Available online www.theorganiccentre.ie/node/1131 or at the Organic Centre Eco shop for €12 + p&p.

3. GARDEN ORGANIC

Garden Organic is committed to getting people growing and there is no better place to start than getting our children involved. The Garden Organic Website www.gardenorganic.org.uk/schools_organic_network/ is full of ideas for getting an organic garden started. It includes lots of ideas along with a Fun Zone with games and activities, along with a Teaching Zone and a Learning Zone to name a few. This website is definitely well worth a look.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

1. CENTRE FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2012

The CGE Annual Conference 2012 will be held in Dublin on Thursday, 23 February 2012 on the theme "Rising to the Challenge: Development Education in a Changing Local and Global Landscape". The conference will explore some of the key challenges confronting the development education sector in the current financial climate and shifting policy



landscape, particularly in demonstrating the impact of our practice on target groups. It will signpost how the sector can move forward in this context and examine the new opportunities that have arisen for development educators to engage with local audiences on global issues. The keynote address will be delivered by Bobby McCormack, Development Perspectives. The conference will be held in The Exchange, 50 Gardiner Street Lower, Dublin 1 from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

A full programme and registration form will be circulated soon. In the meantime, if you require further information please contact:

Stephen McCloskey, Director, Centre for Global Education, 9 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1FY
Tel: 028 9024 1879 stephen@centreforglobaleducation.com

2. ECO SCHOOLS CELEBRATION EVENT 2012

Eco-Schools Northern Ireland is delighted to announce that they are holding a celebration event on the **2nd February 2012 at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry**. With an expected 600 attendees from schools, local authorities, the education, environment and charity sectors it promises to be an exciting and interactive occasion for pupils, staff and other guests. The event will include an exhibition area with additional activity, workshop and ask the expert zones and a main stage showcasing some entertaining performances.

The Celebration Event will also be attended by international representatives from the Foundation for Environmental Education as well as an international guest speaker who will discuss the global environmental problems caused by climate change and the contributing impact of our local actions. We also plan to invite a small number of border schools to the event.

The event will include an exhibition area with additional *activity, workshop* and *ask the expert* zones with emphasis on providing visitors with an interesting and interactive experience. There will also be a main stage showcasing some entertaining performances during the event. We are planning a varied, engaging and exciting programme of activities which will give many organisations from throughout Northern Ireland the opportunity to showcase their work and products to an interested audience.

Who should attend?

This Celebration Event would be of interest to retailers, suppliers and organisations whose products and/or services offer solutions to sustainable development aimed at local authorities, schools and third sector environmental organisations. The attendees of this event are already engaged in the sustainability agenda and, as such, are interested in sustainable development products and services. The exhibition forms the networking heart of this event and offers exhibitors a superb opportunity to do business face-to-face, collect leads, build awareness or launch a new product or service. The exhibition and sponsorship opportunities offer a powerful and yet cost effective opportunity to organisations wanting to benefit from association with this highly successful event.

If you are interested in participating in or would like more information about the Eco-Schools Celebration Event please contact the Eco-Schools team on 028 9073 6920 or email Joanna.mcdonnell@eco-schoolsni.org or Jennifer.hargan@eco-schoolsni.org



Eco-Schools Celebration Event

The Eco-Schools Celebration Event is supported by the Department of the Environment and sponsored by Newry and Mourne District Council

FUNDING

1. GRANTS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

The John Moore Foundation is a registered charity, established in 1964, that gives money to charitable community organisations. We focus on funding projects based in [Merseyside](#) and [Northern Ireland](#).

The Foundation supports projects which aim to break down barriers. To encourage co-operation and joint working between different community and voluntary groups, grants may be given for work involving local trust-building initiatives.

Priority is given to small, grass-roots and volunteer driven organisations and new rather than long-established groups. We are particularly interested in supporting those groups that find it more than usually difficult to raise money.

The Foundation Makes Grants Towards

- Start up and running costs
- Volunteer and programme costs
- Education and training costs
- Venue and travel costs
- One-off project costs
- Equipment

No grants are made to **individuals**. Nor are grants made for **capital building projects** or for work that clearly falls under **statutory** responsibility. For a complete list of our exclusions please follow the link on the left: [What we are unlikely to fund](#).

The size of grant varies, but we prefer to give smaller grants to a larger number of projects.

Applications may be refused where we feel that the organisation concerned is already well funded or has excessive reserves.

2. BIG LOTTERY FUNDING

This Programme is delivered and funded by the Big Lottery Fund in Northern Ireland and awards funds of between £500 – £10,000 over a 12 month period.

The aim of the programme is to bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need by funding projects which involve people in their communities, bringing them together to enjoy a wide range of charitable, community, educational, environmental and health-related activities.



We want our money to make a difference by helping:

- People to participate in their communities to bring about positive change
- People to develop their skills and widen their experiences
- People to work toward better and safer communities
- Improve people's physical and mental health and wellbeing.

We hope these awards will improve people's lives and will strengthen community activity. For further information see <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/northernireland/summary.html>

3. TESCO CHARITY TRUST

The Tesco Charity Trust was set up in 1987 to support both national and local community charities. The Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. There are four rounds of funding each year.

The Tesco Charity Trust Trustees also consider grant applications at their tri-annual meetings. These grants range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects. More information from michelina.filocco@uk.tesco.com or visit: <http://cr2010.tescopl.com/communities/tesco-charity-trust.aspx>

4. FIELD STUDIES CENTRE DERRYGONNELLY – KIDS FUND

"The FSC Kids Fund provides financial support for groups of disadvantaged young people who would like to visit one of our Centres for an FSC experience. We believe that the only way you can learn about and appreciate the environment is by getting outside, experiencing it...and having fun. FSC Kids Fund courses are made possible by the generous donations from our staff and members. £5 of every £15 annual FSC membership fee is donated directly to Kids Fund.

FSC Derrygonnelly has welcomed many Kids Fund groups from Northern Ireland (and further afield). The Centre lies in the unspoilt West Fermanagh countryside, 10 miles from Enniskillen. It is on the site of a former creamery and has the River Silles running through the Centre grounds.

To find out more about FSC Kids Fund and how to apply please visit our **website** <http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporting-you>

MEMBERSHIP OF ESD FORUM

JOIN US

The Education for Sustainable Development Forum is the networking body for the sector that promotes a co-ordinated 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
- Newsletter distributed three times per year
- 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 relevant information, publications and events via the E-Bulletin
- Access to free reference Library
- Access to ESD Forum website
- Support and publicity for your work
- Sharing of ideas, expertise and experience

	Voluntary Organisation	Statutory Body
Organisation, one person	£35	£50
Organisation, up to 3 people receiving membership benefits at one site	£50	£100
Organisation, more than 3 people receiving membership benefits at one site at one site	£75	£150
Organisation, additional sites receiving membership benefits	£35 per site	£35 per site

As part of your subscription, you will have the opportunity to have one page in the ESD resource guide for teachers and group leaders and a free place at an ESD Forum conference each year. If you would like to promote your events, publications and training through this E-Bulletin please contact:

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