



Environmental Education Forum

Annual Report 2008

1. LEEF Newsletter

5 issues produced: 3 schools: 6,000 copies, 1 youth service: 3,000 copies, 1 early years: 2,000 copies

2. ESD Resource Guide

2nd print run of document in September 2008: 10,000 hard copies produced. Sent to every school, youth group and early years group. Also given to student teachers, all EEF members, used at conferences and at other EEF and member events, conferences and training.

3. ESD Days 2008

7 days completed, workshops delivered to 600 student teachers at 4 universities

4. Conferences / Training Days

Lorne House, February 2008 – ‘Youth and the Environment’ – attended by **49 delegates**
Share Centre, September 2008 – ‘Learning outside the Classroom’ – attended by **52 delegates**

5. Management Committee Meetings

4 meetings held: Average attendance was 8 per meeting

6. Membership

Total Membership now stands at 88 active and paid members as of September 2008. A net gain of 8 members since 2005. NB In 2008 inactive / non paying members were removed for the Forum membership.

7. NIEA Natural Heritage Grant Programme (NHGP)

Each year the EEF contributes to the NIEA’s Natural Heritage Grant Programme. The aim of the process is to help members strengthen their projects by making comments and suggestions. **2008:** five applications received and returned.

8. EEF Website

Statistics for 2008 are shown:

Average visits per month:	2282
Average hits per month:	16369

9. E-Bulletins

These are sent to all members once per month. On average 250 members receive the bulletins.

10. NIEL News

An EEF News page is placed into **NIEL News** once per month, promoting Forum activities and the network. 20 such issues of NIEL News have been contributed to.

11. Networking / Promotion of Forum

A great deal of time has been spent on liaising and networking with member organisations. By promoting the Forum's activities and the benefits which it provides the Forum's reputation and role as key component of the environmental education sector in Northern Ireland has become more established. This groundwork has been crucial in providing a firm base from which the EEF has continued to move forward and develop. The EEF Coordinator has been active in attending conferences, member's events and training days throughout the three years.

Conferences

10 conferences attended. Spoke at eight of these and delegate at the other twelve.

Working Groups

Sat or sitting on 9 working groups helping to develop education programmes or inputting into strategies etc.

Members Events

Have attended or inputted into 20 member events, such as judging at competitions, forums, consultations, events, projects and sitting on interview panels.

12. Database

A frequently updated database of EEF members, councils, bodies, agencies, organisations and individuals is maintained.