



In This Issue

News from the ESD Forum

1. [ESD Forum Update](#)

Environmental Education News

1. [A New Web Based Resource on Education for Sustainable Development & Global Citizenship](#)
2. [Craigavon Eco-Schools Celebration and Showcase Event](#)
3. [European Week For Waste Reduction Takes Place 19th–27th November 2011](#)
4. [Lagan Valley Regional Park New Resource](#)
5. [Energy Savings 'Could Pay For A Teacher'](#)
6. [Get Ready And Get Set For Impact 2012 Awards!](#)

Resources

1. [Free Range Kids Website](#)
2. [The Year Round Organic School](#)
3. [Garden Organic](#)

Training & Events

1. [National Sustainable Schools Conference – *Let's Get Creative!*](#)
2. [Eco Schools Celebration Event February 2012](#)
3. [Christmas Continental Market](#)

Funding

1. [Grants for Northern Ireland](#)
2. [Big Lottery Funding](#)
3. [Tesco Charity Trust](#)
4. [Field Studies Centre Derrygonnelly – Kids Fund](#)



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.

If you would like to send an article to include in the next E-Bulletin please contact:

Iona Meyer
Education for Sustainable Development Forum (ESD Forum)
89 Loopland Drive
Belfast BT6 9DW
Tel: 028 9045 5770
E-Mail: iona@nienvironmentlink.org
Website: www.esdforum.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE ESD FORUM

1. ESD FORUM UPDATE

We have just completed two of our University Days for the year, Queens was on the 14th October and Stranmillis was on the 19th October. St Mary's University Day will be on the 14th December. I want to say a huge thank you to all the workshop leaders, we had two very positive days and the students were all very eager and positive in their feedback. Thanks also to Lesley from Queens and Julian from Stranmills for all their help and co-operation which did make my job much easier.

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. NEW WEB BASED RESOURCE ON EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

A consortium of university partners have created an **online repository** of teaching and support resources on **Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship**. Working together under the title OSIER (Open Sustainability in Education Resource), this initiative is concerned with the open sharing of resources for the teaching of sustainable development and global citizenship. The repository is open for all users, both to access materials and for submission of new resources.

All materials are fully accessible and re-usable, and made available under a Creative Commons licence. Although Open Educational Resources are copyright material, they are licensed for use under specified conditions. These may include restrictions on commercial use or the option to modify the resources. However, the resources are shared across the community, and can be used freely.

Target Group

The site will benefit educators from both the development and environment education sectors as well as teachers, student teachers and university academic staff and students in disciplines related to sustainability, development, geography and citizenship. Non-governmental organisations will also benefit from access to some of the teaching resources on the site designed for use in schools and non-formal audiences.

Partners

The OSIER project has six partners, covering academic institutions in England, Scotland, Wales and the north of Ireland. However, the breadth of the material on the site and its flexibility for users will ensure its value to statutory and non-statutory educators in the south of Ireland. Several of the partners are linked directly to networks supporting the teaching of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) and Global Citizenship. The partners in the OSIER network are:

[Bangor University](#): contact Sheila Bennell, Director of World Education Centre

[University of Bristol](#): contact John Morgan, Reader in Education

[London International Development Centre, Institute of Education](#): contacts Doug Bourn, Director of Development Education Research Centre, and Clare Bentall.

[London South Bank University](#): contacts Sally Inman, Professor of Educational Development, and Maggie Rogers (with the **[UK ITE ESD/GC Network](#)**)

[St Mary's College, Queen's University Belfast](#): contact Gerard McCann, Senior Lecturer in European Studies (with the **Centre for Global Education**).

[University of Strathclyde](#): contact Marie-Jeanne McNaughton, Senior Lecturer, Department of Childhood and Primary Studies.

To access a flyer on the OSIER site please download the pdf from **<http://osier.ac.uk/278/>**. To access the site itself please visit: **<http://osier.ac.uk/>** if you download a resource, please use the comments field to record your



impressions and how you have used the resource. You need to have a [user account](#) and be [logged in](#) to leave a comment.

Any correspondence concerning this specific repository should be sent to julian.priddle@bristol.ac.uk

2. CRAIGAVON ECO-SCHOOLS CELEBRATION AND SHOWCASE EVENT

The Craigavon Eco Schools Showcase is taking place at the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre on Wednesday 16th November 2011

What are Eco Schools?

Most young people care deeply about environmental issues and wish to make a positive change in the environment around them. The Eco-Schools programme provides an ideal way for fostering environmental awareness in the entire school in a way that links into many curriculum subjects.

Programme for the day

The day itself will see Green Flag schools from across the Craigavon Borough displaying their work and celebrating their achievements. It will also be an opportunity for teachers and pupils from local schools not currently signed up to the programme to come into contact with their peers. There will also be displays and resources from a range of support organisations, as well as exciting workshops for pupils and teachers to take part in.

Throughout the course of the event we hope that ESD Forum members will take the opportunity to drop into the Centre and come into contact with these inspiring young people and their work. Please feel free to come along anytime between 10am and 2pm.

If you require any further details please contact:

Andy Griggs at the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre on: Tel: (028) 3832 2205

E-Mail: andrew.griggs@craigavon.gov.uk or

Jennifer Cunningham at the Craigavon Civic Centre on: Tel: (028) 3833 2467

E-Mail: jennifer.cunningham@craigavon.gov.uk RESOURCES

3. EUROPEAN WEEK FOR WASTE REDUCTION TAKES PLACE 19TH–27TH NOVEMBER 2011

European Week for Waste Reduction (EWWR) is an EU-wide initiative to encourage people to produce less waste, and takes place from **19th–27th November 2011**. Around 20 countries are taking part across the EU and beyond. Belfast City Council Waste Management are signed up to encourage Belfast businesses to take part. Why not take part in an international initiative that can help improve your green credentials, save you money, and prove to your customers that you are committed to the environment?



Waste costs money. Waste should be considered as a resource, not a disposable commodity. Although recycling is a great way to divert rubbish from landfill, it is far more beneficial for the environment and our pockets if we reduce the waste we have in the first place.

If you have an idea for a waste reduction project that you, your employees and colleagues could carry out during EWWR let us know. Email the following information to businesssefficiency@belfastcity.gov.uk

- The name and address of your organisation
- How many people will take part in your project (number of staff)
- Main contact name, phone number and email address. This is important because we will need to contact you about your project
- Your project aim (e.g. to reduce the amount of paper printed in the office, to encourage book re-use at the office, to discourage staff from using disposable cups). See www.ewwr.eu/en or www.belfastcity.gov.uk/waste for more activity ideas
- Are you already involved in reducing waste in your workplace? Let us know and you can use this activity for EWWR
- A brief summary of your waste reduction project (100 words max)
- Why you are interested in taking part (100 words max)
- Where did you hear about European Week for Waste Reduction?

If your business is located elsewhere in Northern Ireland (outside the Belfast City boundary) you can still take part in EWWR. Contact ewwr2011@wrap.org.uk to register your action.

EWWR is part of our year round resource efficiency programme for businesses in Belfast. If you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to email us on businesssefficiency@belfastcity.gov.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

4. LAGAN VALLEY REGIONAL PARK NEW RESOURCE

Come and discover the [Lagan Valley Regional Park](#) as an outdoor classroom; a stunning location rich in natural resources to arouse children's curiosity. In a world dominated by technology, help today's children 'get back to nature' while giving them a unique cross-curricular learning experience.

Lagan Valley Regional Park covers approximately 4,200 acres of beautiful countryside with a wide variety of sites to visit, including the Neolithic Giant's Ring, the Lock Keeper's Cottage and the early 17th century Belvoir House Estate.

Laganscape is a Landscape Partnership Scheme, a grant supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Through Laganscape we have encouraged greater participation within the Park and this website has been designed to provide you with all the information you need to enjoy your Lagan Valley experience. Visit www.laganvalleylearning.co.uk



5. ENERGY SAVINGS 'COULD PAY FOR A TEACHER'

Leaving computers on can waste a great deal of energy. Schools could save the equivalent of a teacher's salary by switching out the lights and taking energy saving measures, a charity says.

The Carbon Trust says UK secondary schools could save up to £21,500 in energy bills if they took measures.

These include switching off lights and computers, turning heating down, installing insulation and more efficient lighting.

UK school energy bills cost £543m a year.

The Carbon Trust says that UK schools now account for more than half of local authorities' carbon emissions.

It argues that across the UK as much as £135m in savings could be made through basic cost-effective measures which would pay back in less than three years.

'Squeeze on budgets'

It says: "Simple measures such as switching off lights and installing more efficient heating could help the average secondary school save £21,500 in energy bills - almost equal to the annual salary of a newly qualified teacher."

Director of Carbon Trust Programmes Richard Rugg said: "The Carbon Trust's work with local authorities shows that schools can play a pivotal role in helping the public sector to save millions of pounds while slashing carbon emissions.

"With a squeeze on budgets, our focus is on helping local authorities in collaboration with their schools estate to identify low cost opportunities that deliver high financial savings.

"Whether a pupil, a teacher or a school site manager, every member of the school community must play its part in saving energy."

6. GET READY AND GET SET FOR IMPACT 2012 AWARDS!

The DOE (Department of the Environment) and OFMDFM (Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister) are urging young people up to the age of 25 across Northern Ireland to get ready and get set over the summer months, in preparation for the Impact 2012 Awards.

The Impact 2012 Awards are designed to recognise those young people who are making a positive impact in life, in terms of the environment and sustainability. These Awards will celebrate action being taken on the ground and they will also provide an excellent platform to share these award winning and inspirational ideas with hundreds of others.

Project applications can be made under a range of categories, including environment, innovation, rural sustainability, leadership, awareness raising, community safety and others.



Full details on how to apply will be released in September on the NI Direct website

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/environment-and-greener-living/your-local-environment/being-green-in-the-community-and-at-work/impact-2012-awards.htm>

The deadline for submissions will be in **December 2011** and the Awards will be announced at an event in Belfast on **14th March 2012**.

If people would like to register their interest in the meantime, please email marketing@doeni.gov.uk

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. NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS CONFERENCE – *LET'S GET CREATIVE!*

Leicester on 30th November or online from 21st October to 2nd December with unique spaces to learn together.

Scheduled for the opening of the school year, October and November will see the biggest Sustainable Schools annual event, run by SEEd, coming to a location near you and online. It will bring together teachers, pupils, NGOs and others who work in or are interested in sustainability and environmental education in schools; it will encourage learning and sharing resources, skills, successes, and also help make plans on how to become a sustainable school and save money. The theme is *Let's Get Creative*, with workshops led by experts in their fields, covering ideas such as:

- Creative engagement with students
- Creative use of the outdoors and museums
- Creative Curriculum
- Creative with Funding, and
- Creatively engaging with your community

With inspiring national speakers who have just “done it” – often without money or support – the day is designed to help you and your school or organisation in your sustainability journey with new and exciting creative ideas. The conference also includes a market place of organisations and resources that support sustainable schools and local authorities, with presentations and films.

Four events shall be held around the country and online during October and November: it's truly national!

Even if you cannot make one of these dates, our Online Interactive Conference will last throughout the regional events and beyond, so why not join in at home or at school for half the price and twice the experience?

Take part in facilitated workshops, discussions, listen to key note speakers and get the workshop outputs and presentations from our country-wide events. All this without travelling anywhere!

All conference delegates also have automatic access to this online arena and everyone receives the collated resources e-pack after the online conference ends; a valuable resource for all attendees.

Spaces are limited so confirm your place now by signing up online on our new website: se-ed.co.uk/NSSC2011

Remember to check the website for the regional updates and for the latest news from the conference workshops.



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 in 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.

More information about the event will be sent to schools in November. Places will initially be limited so please ensure that you respond as early as possible.

3. CHRISTMAS CONTINENTAL MARKET

The Christmas Continental Market will be at Belfast City Hall from 12 noon on Saturday 19 November to 6pm on Monday 19 December, selling a range of food, drinks and crafts. Kids can enjoy the merry-go-round and visit Santa in his grotto! They can also post their letters to Santa using Santa's postbox.

Opening times

- Monday - Wednesday: 10am - 8pm (except Monday 19 December when it will close at 6pm)
- Thursday - Saturday: 10am - 10pm
- Sunday: 1pm - 6pm

Food and drink

Highlights include:

- Bratwurst sausages and German beers
- Warming gluhwein
- Liqueur coffees
- Gourmet burgers
- Spanish paella



- Toasted baguettes
- Waffles, crêpes and Dutch pancakes
- Cakes, fudge and sweets
- Continental and Irish cheeses
- Exotic meats from around the world.

Gifts and other items

If you are looking for an unusual Christmas gift then you are bound to find something among the great selection of gifts and crafts, including:

- Leather handbags, purses and wallets from France
- Candles
- Jewellery
- 'Smellies' from Provence
- Natural carved wooden furniture, statues, figurines from Kenya
- Pashminas and scarves.

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	-
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



EDUCATION FOR
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
FORUM



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:

Iona Meyer

Education for Sustainable Development Forum

89 Loopland Drive

Belfast BT6 9DW

Tel: 028 9045 5770

iona@nienvironmentlink.org

www.esdforum.org.uk