

ESD Day at University of Ulster Coleraine

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Feedback Summary

Workshops provided by: Forest Service, R.S.P.B.

Overall:

The students enjoyed the workshops and could see the cross curricular links. They commented on the useful resources and ideas that they were given.

What did you learn from the day?

- ❖ That there are so many organisations out there with a wealth of information
- ❖ Sustainable Development awareness
- ❖ The website information given
- ❖ How to connect ESD to normal everyday life
- ❖ Things to do with the pupils, like taking them out to various groups/places and getting groups to come into the classroom
- ❖ Useful teaching tips

What were the good points of the day?

- ❖ Good to hear from different local organisations and some lesson plan examples
- ❖ RSPB Workshop
- ❖ Role-play/active learning/group/active learning
- ❖ Great pt get ideas and contacts
- ❖ How easy it would be to adapt the group work into the classroom
- ❖ Eating chocolate and the videos

What could be improved upon?

- ❖ More organisations represented

Did you find the speakers useful/ interesting?

- ❖ They were all very interesting and encouraging and enthusiastic
- ❖ RSPB was super
- ❖ They were all extremely helpful
- ❖ Give loads of contacts that can be used in the future

What would you like future training sessions to include?

- ❖ More about local trade
- ❖ Just more of the same
- ❖ More focus on deciduous Woodlands as they are a focus at Key Stage 3
- ❖ More geographical aspects
- ❖ More examples of teaching activities
- ❖ Maybe more information on sustainability in relation to energy resources

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

- ❖ Everyone happy with the arrangements

How would you rate the introduction to the day?

The introduction scored highly from all the students.

Overall score: 4.5

Forest Service

Overall feedback from 10 students.

Some of the students commented on the building of the forest activity and how easily that could be adapted into the classroom. Others liked the lesson plans and activities that would be of assistance out in the forest. The workshop had some thought provoking ideas and something to really make you think. The debating aspect regarding the red squirrel was interesting. The students appeared to enjoy all aspects of this workshop.

Overall score: 4

R.S.P.B.

Overall feedback from 11 students.

The students enjoyed the role play in this workshop and the opportunity to shout at each other. They also commented on the variety of activities within the workshop. The Sumatran activity was a big winner, as was the debating with the placards. A very well received workshop.

Overall score: 4.5