

At a training day held on 12 April 2011 at Peatlands Park, Dungannon, George Blackwood from Learning NI talked members through the process of uploading their Educational Programmes on C2k and we as a Forum organised training days with George at his office for members. Shirley Lennon from National Trust Castle Ward told us how the 'Virtual Learning Environment' worked for them at Castle Ward and it was good to hear from experience all the benefits of C2k.

The ESD Forum continued to deliver for its members. One edition of the Forum Newsletter 'Growing Ideas' was produced and sent into every school in Northern Ireland and eleven e-bulletins were sent to members. The website was updated continuously with information relevant to ESDF members and schools. With severely limited funding the Forum is now much more web based although it was possible to continue some events and attend a number of member's events.

The ***Education for Sustainable Development Resource Guide*** was updated and printed during 2011-12 and was issued to every school in Northern Ireland in May 2012. I have copies with me today so please see me afterwards if you haven't already done so.

The Forum continued with the Education for Sustainable Development training days for trainee teachers, which continue to be a valuable way to reach new teachers with the messages of environmental and sustainable development education. There has been contact from students who attended the days looking for additional information.

The Management Committee met regularly and held a planning day at Cornmill Quay, Annalong in September. It was agreed that the limited resources for the ESDF within NIEL staff constraints meant that a reduced programme of activities was required, and it was agreed that the Forum Newsletter could no longer be produced, but that instead the e-Bulletins would be sent out to all schools for which ESDF has a contact. The maintenance of the website and e-bulletin are priorities, as is support to enable the ESDF Training Days for student teachers.

I would like to record my thanks to Sue for allowing me to continue the work, to the Management Committee and Alyn and Catherine for all their support and friendship during the year.