

# Sustainable Schools Online Conference 2010

## **THE ONLINE CONFERENCE**

The UK is thought by some to be leading in its strategy and work on Sustainable Schools. This work is gathering speed as more and more schools are developing their sustainability work.

The Sustainable Schools Conference is the successful national teacher's conference from SEEd, the Department for Education and WWF-UK. The conference will again be delivered by SEEd, a national charity helping to drive Education for Sustainable Development and Environmental Education into all schools and education establishments.

This year we are offering this stand alone online conference, which matches our face to face conference events in June, but it is for those who cannot travel to the locations or who cannot get a whole day away from their education work.

## **CONFERENCE THEMES & STRUCTURE**

Hosted by Ann Finlayson, CEO of SEEd, the online conference features facilitated workshops, discussions, key note speeches (including Jonathon Porritt), networking opportunities and market places. All this without travelling anywhere!

The conference follows the Sustainable Schools Framework and this year is based around 6 themes:

- Engaging young people in sustainability
- Linking sustainability with biodiversity – International Year of Biodiversity
- Climate change & Energy commitments
- Outcomes for children & young people – the evidence
- Leading sustainable schools
- Linking to extended schools

The online conference will run for six weeks in June and July, and is included in the conference fee for delegates attending any of the four venues.

## **A COMPLEMENTARY CONFERENCE FOR SCHOOLS**

Held at four regional venues across the UK in June 2010, The National Sustainable Schools Conference will offer delegates the opportunity to hear from national speakers, network and share experience with like-minded participants, access and review new resources, and plan for your year ahead. The locations are: London (18th June), and Bristol (25th June).

If you cannot make one of the regional conference dates, then why not choose to participate in our **Online Interactive Conference**.

## **REGISTRATION AND DELEGATE FEES**

The Sustainable Schools Online Conference has a delegate fee of £75.00. Student registration (with proof) is £35.00.

Payment for the conference is accepted via secure online transaction or by cheque. To register your place at a regional conference, please complete the online registration form by visiting:

[se-ed.org.uk/conference2010](http://se-ed.org.uk/conference2010)

**Please note that the conference fee is non-refundable.**

**ONLINE CONFERENCE CALENDAR – NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS 2010 (JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> – JULY 13<sup>TH</sup>)**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		June 1	June 2 (Wk 1 starts)	June 3	June 4
<b>Week 1</b>			<p><b>Keynote 1</b> – Welcome address Ann Finlayson, <i>Commissioner SDC</i></p> <p><b>Activity 1</b> – Mapping your sustainability journey</p>	<b>Discussion 1</b> – Is ESD just good education?	<b>Resource Centre Opens</b> - exhibitors and sharing resource sharing.
	June 7	June 8	June 9 (Wk 2 starts)	June 10	June 11
<b>Week 2</b>			<p><b>Keynote 2</b> – Professor William Scott, <i>Centre for Research in Education and the Environment</i></p> <p><b>Workshop 1a</b> – Reviewing Biodiversity resources for use with sustainable schools.</p>		<b>Activity 2</b> – Using evidence of the impact of sustainable schools.
	June 14	June 15	June 16 (Wk 3 starts)	June 17	June 18
<b>Week 3</b>			<p><b>Keynote 3</b> – Dr. David Dixon, <i>Bowbridge Primary School</i></p> <p><b>Workshop 1b</b> – Biodiversity curriculum for use with sustainable schools.</p>	<b>Activity 3</b> – Using the leadership evidence in your school or with your work with schools.	<b>LONDON CONFERENCE</b>
	June 21	June 22	June 23 – Wk 4 starts	June 24	June 25
<b>Week 4</b>		<b>Resources</b> posted from London event.	<p><b>Keynote 4</b> – from London event. Podcast and discussion – Jonathon Porritt, <i>Forum for the Future</i></p> <p><b>Workshop 2a</b> – Reviewing climate change resources for use with sustainable schools.</p>	<b>Activity 4</b> – Linking community and extended schools with sustainable schools in your school or with your work with schools.	<b>BRISTOL CONFERENCE</b>

	June 28	June 29	June 30 – Wk 5 starts	July 1	July 2
<b>Week 5</b>		<b>Resources</b> posted from Bristol event.	<b>Keynote 5</b> – from Bristol event. Podcast and discussion – tbc.		<b>Activity 5</b> – Linking young people participation in your sustainable school work.
			<b>Workshop 2b</b> – Climate change curriculum for use with sustainable schools.		
	July 5	July 6	July 7 – Wk 6 starts	July 8	July 9
<b>Week 6</b>		<b>Activity 6</b> – “My biggest challenge will be...”	<b>Workshop 3</b> – Planning your sustainable schools journey for the next year.	<b>Activity 7</b> – Post and vote for your favourite resource, activity and workshop.	<b>Activity 8</b> – Funding energy savings in your school.
	July 12	July 13	July 14 (Conference closed)		
<b>Week 7</b>		<b>Keynote 6</b> – from Ann Finlayson - closing remarks.	Conference is available for read only until September 10 <sup>th</sup> for NSSC participants only. Summary document is then posted for all participants.		
		<b>Online Evaluation</b> of conference.			

**Notes:** Each of the 6 weeks of the conference start on a Wednesday and activities remain live throughout the remainder of the conference. Summaries are posted weekly.

**Activities 1-9:** are reflective activities that you can engage with on your own. They often begin with resources that we think are useful or that present an interesting viewpoint and you are invited to share your reflections in the optional discussion fora.

**Workshops 1-3:** are facilitated workshops that engage you with the presenter and a facilitator and continue for that week.

**Keynotes:** are a podcast or PowerPoint of the key speech given at any of the face to face events around the country, with an opportunity to post comments or questions.

**Discussions:** are ongoing discussions allowing you to share stories, explore and add resources to the market place. You can also create your own discussion threads.

## **CONTACT US**

Should you wish to receive additional information on the conference, locations and discounts available, please contact Michael Cutts via the contact details listed below.

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For more information on the National Sustainable Schools Online Conference, visit the conference website:

[se-ed.org.uk/conference2010](http://se-ed.org.uk/conference2010)