



Welcome!

Welcome to the very first SEEd e-newsletter! We will be aiming to keep in touch once every 2 weeks with news on SEEd developments, sustainable development and ESD, jobs, funding and notifications of any useful upcoming events, courses or consultations. Please let us know what you think...

If you would like to send us an article to include for the next newsletter please email news@se-ed.org.uk.

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SEEd News

Over the past few weeks, SEEd has been attending various events such as the WWF One Planet Schools Conference, the Groundwork Education Practitioners' Conference and the Eco Schools Conference in Liverpool, where SEEd has been trying to get out there and build our relationships with teachers, individuals and organisations.

The Council for Environmental Education (CEE) AGM was held in June and SEEd would like to welcome Beverley Anderson (Children and Learners Directorate, Government Office for the South East), Phil Burfield (RSPB), Liz Jackson (WWF) and Kit Rogers (Priestlands School) to the board, as well as Trewin Restorick (Global Action Plan) who is the new Chair for CEE.

Plans are now underway for the official SEEd Launch event in November. For more information on how you can register to attend, please visit our website: www.se-ed.org.uk

Members News

1. Food for Life Partnership

The Food for Life Partnership is a network of schools and communities across England committed to transforming food culture by revolutionising school meals, reconnecting young people with where their food comes from and inspiring families to cook and grow food. A total of 340 schools are now enrolled and working towards achieving a Bronze, Silver and Gold Mark award in the lead up to the 1st Annual Food for Life Partnership Awards Ceremony on 1 December 2008. All schools can enroll online by filling in a short form and then will receive a free introductory pack with resources and guidance on the awards.

Back in June, the Food for Life Partnership along with the Local Authorities Catering Association, Caroline Walker Trust and Sustain, called on Government to implement "*Six steps to transform school food culture*" without further delay. Read the full report to find out how a school food culture revolution can beat obesity and tackle climate change. Copies available via the website.

For more information or to enroll your school, visit <http://www.foodforlife.org.uk>

2. Sustrans launch new young people's newsletter

Sustrans, providers of the Safe Routes to Schools information service (www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk), have just launched a new newsletter for young people called TRACKS. The newsletter is written by young people for young people and features news stories, practical advice and competitions to encourage more young people to walk and cycle to school. To download a copy of the first issue visit: www.sustrans.org.uk.



3. A new educational book for children with penguins – ‘Who will save us?’

‘Who Will Save Us?’ is an inspirational book for children which is being successfully used by both primary and secondary schools. It takes a positive and empowering approach to the issues of climate change and helping to resolve it. The book contains a heartfelt and engaging story about the penguins of Antarctica, which is followed by a concise and comprehensive section on what we can all do to help, from energy saving to fair trade, and a listing of useful organisations.

“A beautifully composed and illustrated book that will inspire children and adults alike. A real example of how to explore what it means to be an active global citizen.” Oxfam.

The ‘Who Will Save Us? Children’s and Young People’s Project’ offers an educational and empowering opportunity to help resolve climate change and to help with other related issues. The process involves children’s and young people’s schools and groups being able to buy in the books at a reduced rate, and sell them at the retail price, thereby making £2.50 per book. This profit becomes the children’s/young people’s budget. They then ‘work together’ (following the message of the book) to research climate change, question, discuss and decide how to spend their budget to help. This project encourages good citizenship alongside other skills and national, primary and secondary schools are already taking part. The project is succeeding in helping to develop sustainability in schools and the community.

Retail price: £5.99

For further details or to order a copy visit www.rebeccamorich.co.uk

SD and ESD News

Ofsted report – Schools and Sustainability

Ofsted have recently published their findings from a survey conducted over a selection of 41 schools to assess progress towards the ‘National framework for sustainable schools’. A small number of schools were found to have successfully embedded sustainability into the heart of the school and incorporated sustainability into lessons across the curriculum. The majority, however, had only a vague grasp of the concept of sustainability and any activities to promote it were add-on as opposed to well-integrated.

To download a full copy of the report visit: www.ofsted.gov.uk



Publications and guidance

1. Sustainable Schools: How national recognition schemes can support your school's progress

Eco Schools has just produced a guidance document on National Award schemes, published 21st July. The document aims to help schools understand the benefits of using these schemes and how they can assist them along their sustainability journey.

To read more and download a copy of the guidance visit:

<http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/news/index.aspx?ID=22>

2. Root to Branch: Education for a Greener Future

The Education Commission have recently launched a pamphlet by Shadow Climate Change Minister, Greg Barker, which investigates why pupils are increasingly being denied access to outdoor activities and school trips.

To read more and to download the document visit:

<http://www.gregorybarker.com/mediazone.php?articleid=479>

Consultations

School's role in promoting pupil well being

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has published a consultation for draft guidance on 'School's role in promoting pupil well being', an area which school governing bodies have a duty to promote.

The consultation runs from 3 July to 25 September. For more information visit:

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/consultations/conDetails.cfm?consultationId=1564>

SEEd will be running a **free workshop** on the theme of well-being on Wed 10th September at Central Hall Westminster in order to explore the role of environmental education, outdoor activities and education for sustainable development in schools and how they contribute to children's well-being. See 'Events'.

Research

Request for Collaborators: Investigating a Relationship Between Place-based Learning and Environmental Quality

This research team in the US is requesting queries from individuals or institutions interested in seeking shared funding and collaborating on research to investigate the relationship between place-based learning and environmental quality. This research will build on a methodology that has been developed and successfully tested over the past two years with funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Please see the attached Request for Collaborators for additional and contact information. To make an enquiry please contact Delia Clark: delia_clark@comcast.net.



Events and Courses

1. Free workshop on the role of schools in contributing to pupils' well-being

- Description:** Exploring the role of environmental education, outdoor activities and education for sustainable development in schools in contributing to the well-being of children. SEEd is running this free workshop alongside the current consultation draft by DCSF on 'Schools' Role in Promoting Pupil Well-being'. See 'Consultations'. There will be 40 places available at the workshop so book early to guarantee a place.
- Date:** Wednesday 10th September, 11am – 3pm
- Venue:** Central Hall Westminster, Storey's Gate, London SW1H 9NH
- Further Information:** To reserve a place at the workshop, please contact Hermione Fricker: hermione.fricker@se-ed.org.uk

2. Upcoming event at the Institute of Education focusing on community cohesion

- Description:** SHIFTING MARGINS, SHIFTING CENTRES: NEGOTIATING DIFFERENCE IN EDUCATION IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY CONFERENCE. International conference for academics, NGO practitioners, minority community organisations, educators and policy makers. This conference aims to promote dialogue, critical reflection and strategies of negotiation in relation to key issues in debates around community cohesion, equality, diversity, identity, power, difference, citizenship and global justice in education. The conference is organised by Development Education Research Centre, Institute of Education, University of Canterbury, New Zealand and the Through Other Eyes international initiative. Speakers: Professor Jagdish Gundara, Institute of Education; Dr. Jane Gilbert, New Zealand Council for Educational Research; Professor Lynn Mario T. Menezes de Souza, University of São Paulo, Brazil and Dr. Vanessa Andreotti, University of Nottingham/University of Canterbury, New Zealand.
- Date:** Wednesday 17th September 2008
- Venue:** Jeffery Hall at the Institute of Education, University of London, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL
- Further Information:** For further info and an event flyer email Elaine Peck: e.peck@ioe.ac.uk

3. Master of Arts course in Development Education

- Description:** The Institute of Education are running a new Master of Arts course in Development Education starting this October. The course is taught within the Development Education Research Centre, an international hub for new thinking about development education. The course is designed for staff responsible for managing and delivering development education or related programmes within NGOs, professional bodies, government departments and also professionals in teaching, youth work, or in community, adult or higher education.
- Date:** -
- Venue:** -
- Further Information:** To pursue your interest please contact the course leader Dr Douglas Bourn: d.bourn@ioe.ac.uk or ring 020 3073 8309/8308



Jobs

1. Soil association - Northern Farm Links Officer

Description: The Soil Association are currently advertising for a Northern Farm Links Officer. The Part-time role (3 days) involves administration of the farm links programme in 3 Northern regions and delivery of 'One Planet Food' workshops in schools. There is the potential for this role to be term time only.

Salary: -

Closing Date: 15th August 2008

Further Information: For further information and a full job description please visit the [website](#).

2. Environmental Association for Universities & Colleges (EAUC) – Scotland Manager

Description: An ambitious and demanding post to realise our Strategic Plan in Scotland and deliver our wide ranging Campus Sustainability Programme (CaSP) in universities and colleges. You will further develop the business of the Association, widen its funding base and enhance its products and services.

The manager will be part of and receive support from the Head Office based in Cheltenham and will deliver and contribute to wider Association activities and targets.

You will have a proven track record of generating and managing funding, with project management skills and an excellent communicator.

Ref: S585

Salary: £28,290 - £31,840

Closing Date: 17th August 2008

Further Information: For further information and an application pack please visit <http://www.eauc.org.uk/jobs>, email info@eauc.org.uk or telephone 01242 714 321.

3. Environmental Association for Universities & Colleges (EAUC) – Business Development Officer

Description: The sustainability champion for UK universities and colleges has a fantastic post for an exceptional person.

Positioned at the heart of our small but dynamic team your role is to lead the research and development of further means to develop the business of the Association, widen its funding base and enhance our products and services to drive sustainability deeper into our universities and colleges. You will be responsible for managing current projects and the development of the Green Gown Awards. You will need to have significant project management experience, including financial and budgetary management of projects.

Ref: S565

Salary: £23,002 - £27,466

Closing Date: 25th August 2008

Further Information: For further information and an application pack please visit <http://www.eauc.org.uk/jobs>, email info@eauc.org.uk or telephone 01242 714 321.

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