



Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the 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

We are pleased to announce the 2009 online course which we are offering in partnership with WWF UK - *Opening the Doorway to Sustainability: An online course for educators*. The course will offer participants the opportunity to explore different approaches to sustainable schools, identify and begin to develop key skills, and practise reflection and action learning approaches to ensure new skills and knowledge are applied. For more information please visit our website:

www.se-ed.org.uk/onlinecourse2009

SEEd now have a short-term office base at the Kensington Charity Centre on Kensington High Street:

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Member News

1. Schools in UK Receive Over Half a Million Pounds to Become 'Supergrounds'

Learning through Landscapes, the national school grounds charity, last week announced the names of 138 schools across the UK that will each be awarded £4,000 by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group (RBS). The awards from the RBS Supergrounds scheme will enable each school to create an improved outdoor area for education, play and learning, which the children will help to design.

RBS Supergrounds has already transformed over 500 school grounds across the country since it was launched four years ago. The £6 million programme, developed by RBS, is managed by Learning through Landscapes with local support from environmental charity Groundwork.

To read the full article visit: www.ltl.org.uk/news.htm?t=1&item=222

2. London School Grounds to be improved with John Laing Charitable Trust Awards

The John Laing Charitable Trust - London School Grounds Awards are offering over 50 awards, including a first prize of £3,000, to schools across London to improve their outdoor spaces. The awards - managed in partnership with Learning through Landscapes, the national school grounds charity - are now open to *all* LEA maintained nursery, primary, secondary and special schools within the Greater London area.

The awards are designed to support schools in providing opportunities for children to learn and develop in stimulating and innovative school grounds and will fund projects that may be educational, environmental, artistic, health-promoting or will simply enhance play or social development.



To read more visit: <http://www.ltl.org.uk/news.htm?t=1&item=182>

If you wish to contact Learning Through Landscapes about this article please email: sbutt@ltl.org.uk

3. RSPB: Big Schools' Bird Watch

The Big Schools' Bird Watch takes place from 19 and 30 January 2009 and is a week when the RSPB will be asking children and their teachers to look out for and count the birds that share their school environment. The activity involves a simple bird survey that can be carried out in school and aims to encourage children to identify and take an interest in the birds visiting their school grounds.

Participation in the survey is free and works across a wide age and ability range. The survey can be used as a standalone project, part of a curriculum course or become more embedded as part of a whole school approach to pupil well-being and access to natural green space.

In 2008, 1,500 schools, involving more than 48,000 participants, took part in the survey counting 46,000 birds.

For more info visit: www.rspb.org.uk/schoolswatch

SD & ESD News

1. Learning Outside the Classroom – New site launched

Since the Learning Outside the Classroom conference, held at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich at the beginning of October, the new dedicated website for Learning Outside the Classroom has been launched.

The Manifesto for Learning Outside the Classroom partnership has created this online resource with the help of many experts and practitioners in learning outside the classroom. The resource is designed to help professionals working with young people aged 0–19 to provide high-quality experiences. The LOTC partnership promotes the belief that every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development, whatever their age, ability or circumstances.

Since its launch in November 2006, more than 1100 organisations and individuals have signed up in support of the Manifesto for Learning Outside the Classroom vision and aims. To sign up visit the site link below.

For more information, please visit: www.lotc.org.uk



2. Education Dialogue Group (EDG) - The EDG would like to hear the voices of the education sector

Since 1991, during the run up to the RIO Earth Summit, the EDG has existed to connect sectors of education in the UK with international developments in ESD. Education has responded, sector by sector, to the global wake up call regarding the pivotal role that it plays in transforming societies. Originally supported by UNED-UK, the group campaigned successfully for the Decade for ESD and has continued to meet tri-annually at least.

The EDG are calling on ESD professionals to volunteer their personal experiences to help shed light on how our different sector-based approaches impact on the individual and on the effectiveness of our learning for sustainability. Different interpretations of ESD exist in formal and informal education sectors and across transitions between Primary, Secondary, Further and Higher Education, work based learning and community based learning. Is it surprising that students coming from ESD literate schools and lives are identifying SD as a criteria for further studies and will they take those beliefs into the workplace? It is a huge agenda, but if you are able to share your experience by e-mail or in person, the group are meeting on 4th December 2008 from 11am-2pm at London South Bank University to co-ordinate an Easter event.

For information, or to be added to the email list contact Mairi Kershaw, EDG Chair at: kershaws@talktalk.net

To access the EDG website, and download papers and minutes contact Veronica Leacock at London South Bank University: leacockv@lsbu.ac.uk

3. The South West Learning for Sustainability (ESD) Coalition is Linking for a Change

The South West Learning for Sustainability Coalition is a network of learning providers drawn together from eight Local Authorities across the South West in order to define a strategic response to ESD. The coalition has gone from strength to strength, now exceeding 100 members, and has a strong combined capacity to influence and generate educational opportunities across the region.

The coalition exists to collaborate, meeting in a range of locations around the region, chaired by Professor Bill Scott of Bath University and supported by Learning South West, with a team of Co-Directors currently led by Paul Vare, the fluidity of the group enables it to meet challenges as well as forge new directions. One such recent challenge has been DCSF funding for 'Sustainable Schools'. The South West group have created 'Linking for a Change' - a website connecting schools with ESD providers to facilitate linking and encourage collaboration and innovation. The site is currently being used to support DCSF ESD training and being evaluated as a networking tool, set for consolidation and dissemination.

For more information, please visit: www.linkingforachange.org.uk

For more details of the coalition contact Paul Vare: Learning4L@aol.com

For enquiries relating to 'Linking for a Change' enquiries contact Mairi Kershaw: kershaws@talktalk.net



Research

We Need Your Help! – please send us your views on Climate Change resources you have used.

(The first five teachers to respond will be invited to our SEEd launch at the House of Commons – 20th Nov)

SEEd is looking to develop an accessible base of research on EE/ ESD related education resources. We aim to make this information available on our website and structured in a way that is as easy-to-use and navigable for teachers as possible but we need your help in reviewing these resources.

Initially we have done research into Climate Change education resources and some of the main Climate Change resources we have found are listed below. If you have used or been involved in using any of these resources, or others not listed, we would love to hear from you.

NAME OF RESOURCE OR PROJECT:	PROVIDED OR RUN BY:
Power Down - Climate Change action tool kit for secondary schools	Action Aid
Climate Champions Programme	British Council
Generation Green Website	British Gas
Green day: A climate change activity kit for schools	CABE
Cutting carbon footprints in schools' Guide	Carbon Trust
Saving energy in schools' Guide	Carbon Trust
Climate Change speakers provided	Climate Change Speaker Network
Carbon Detective kit	DCSF
Defra Climate Change Champions Programme	Defra
English Secondary Schools Climate Change Pack	Defra
Climate Care partnership	Eco Schools
Save Today Save Tomorrow campaign - 2012 Carbon Challenge	EDF Energy
Community Action for Energy project - Energy Efficiency for schools and community groups	Energy Savings Trust
Climate Change Calendar	Flipside Vision
Energy and climate change fact sheet	Friends of the Earth

For a full list of resources, please visit our website:

www.se-ed.org.uk/news/teacher-resources.html

Please email and tell us, in about 200 words, which of these (or other) resources you have used, how you have used them, and how useful they have been. The first five teachers to respond will be offered an invitation to our SEEd Launch event at the House of Commons on November 20th 2008.

Please email your reviews (stating which school you are from) to Hermione Fricker: Hermione.fricker@se-ed.org.uk



Resources and Guidance

1. 'Green Futures' DVD

Prompted by the build of their new and sustainable school extension, pupils at St Pancras Primary School in Lewes, East Sussex, learnt about how to protect the environment around them and filmed a diary of the building process from their point of view.

The British Council for School Environments (BCSE) and the Innovation Unit championed the production of a DVD, 'Green Futures' which features some of the footage filmed by the children. The DVD and accompanying booklet offers pupils, teachers, schools, communities and local government a look into how sustainability can be part of the curriculum. It also encourages other organisations and institutions to follow the examples led by St Pancras.

Further information about the DVD can be found on the BCSE website www.bcse.uk.net

Single copies of the DVD cost £3.00 including postage & packing. To order, please email: bcse@bcse.uk.net

2. BatteryBack – Battery recycling in schools

Currently less than 3% of portable batteries in the UK are recycled. New regulations due in force later this year will require this to rise to 45% by 2016.

With a need to recycle an additional 200 million batteries per year within just 3 years schools can play an important part in encouraging battery recycling by providing easily accessible collection points throughout the country. BatteryBack is committed to providing over 80,000 FREE collection points, many of which will be in schools, colleges, libraries and other public buildings.

BatteryBack provide dedicated BatteryCans on a free loan basis. They require a refundable deposit of £10 for the 10ltr Can, £60 for the Indoor 60ltr Can and £60 for the Outdoor 120ltr Can.

To register your school as a collection point and order your BatteryCans visit: www.batteryback.org/Order.html

For more info visit: www.batteryback.org or contact: enquiries@batteryback.org



Events and Courses

1. Opening the Doorway to Sustainability: An online course for educators

Description: *Opening the Doorway to Sustainability: An online course for educators* is a professional development programme from WWF-UK, which is being run in 2009 by SEEd. Using the DCSF's National Framework for Sustainable Schools as a starting point, it offers an opportunity to explore how taking a sustainable schools approach can benefit pupils, teachers, the wider community and of course the health and wellbeing of the planet on which we all depend.

Course participants will explore different approaches to sustainable schools, identify and begin to develop key skills, and practise reflection and action learning approaches to ensure new skills and knowledge are applied. At the end of the course, participants should feel equipped to take forward the sustainable schools agenda with confidence.

Date: 12th January – 20th March 2009

Venue: -

Further Information: Telephone: 07525 264540 or Email: info@se-ed.org.uk
Or visit our website: se-ed.org.uk/onlinecourse2009.

2. School Grounds National Conference

Description: The 2009 National Conference will focus on a big issue for children's wellbeing: Play. The government's Play Strategy is out next month, and play in schools will be a key feature. LTL's conference is a timely opportunity to talk to experts about the benefits of outdoor play and how to build it into the school day.

The conference, run by national school grounds charity Learning through Landscapes, will cover all aspects of play through practical workshops, (indoor and outdoor), with topics including 'Playing with art', 'Playing with music', 'Playing with scrap', 'Playing with natural materials', 'Playing with design', and 'Playing with your thoughts'. There will also be opportunities to hear expert speakers talk about the topics that matter most to schools when it comes to outdoor play.

Date: Thursday 22nd January 2009, 10am-4pm

Venue: Beeches Management Centre, Bournville, Birmingham

Further Information: A booking form can be downloaded via the conference link on LTL's homepage: www.ltl.org.uk. There are **reduced fees** for bookings made before **3rd November**.

3. The Bishops Wood programme of courses:

Description: The Bishops Wood programme in Worcestershire runs a series of short courses throughout the year all with an emphasis on creative ways of engaging learners in environmental learning. All of the courses provide the skills and tools for helping professionals involved with education for positive environmental change, and give participants a chance to make meaning of the experiences and apply them to their own settings.

Upcoming course: Introductory Earth Education Workshop

Date: 12th November 2008

Venue: -

Further Information: For more information visit: <http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/wcc-edu-bishops-wood.htm> or telephone 01299 25051.

For a full list of courses please email: Bishopswoodcourses@worcestershire.gov.uk.



Jobs

1. Role at Oasis Children's Venture: Environmental Project manager

Description: The Environmental Project manager is based at Oasis Children's Nature Garden, a wildlife garden in the heart of Lambeth. Current services at the garden include an environmental play after school club, environmental education sessions for local primary schools, a Saturday Nature club and environmental play workshops for community groups and play schemes.

The project manager will be responsible for managing staff and developing projects at the garden. The post also involves some fundraising and contributing towards the overall strategic direction of the organisation.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed team player who can manage and develop this fantastically unique facility for environmental education and play.

Salary: £25,000 pa

Closing Date: 7th November 08

Further Information: For further details visit: oasisplay.org.uk

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