



Eddie Eco Eye - E.Y.E. Project Mascot



E.Y.E. or 'Eco, Young and Engaged', is a sustainable learning project helping local schools and young people within them to make a positive difference to their environment.

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Here is the latest newsletter from The E.Y.E. Project.

I hope that you find these newsletters useful for your school. To enable us to ensure that these newsletters are relevant and useful to local schools please do send any suggestions or comments to eye@worthinghigh.net.

Clare Sutton
The E.Y.E. Project - Project Officer

E.Y.E. Project Membership 2016/17 update

Thank you for your renewing your membership / welcome to new E.Y.E. Project member schools.

Our website is currently being updated with confirmed E.Y.E Project member schools for 2016/17. Here is a link to our website confirming our member schools and showing some of our member schools eco projects:
<http://www.eyeproject.co.uk/projects>

If you are a 2016/17 member school please do send details of eco activities and projects that your schools is or has recently been involved in and we will add these to our Projects section of the website. This is a great way to share ideas and good practice amongst local schools.

Littlehampton Academy Eco Summit news

The Littlehampton Academy Eco Summit was a great success on the last day of term before the Easter break. Around 100 pupils from 8 of The Littlehampton Academy's Feeder schools took part in the day and experienced a variety of environmental and sustainability themed workshops, and listened to a Key Note Speech by David Ingham from Wastebuster which focused on the issues of waste including marine waste and 'Doing Something Small to make a Difference'

Workshops included: Southern Water - Are You a Water Hero?; Wastebuster - The Buster and Pong Recycling Song; Farming & Countryside Education (FACE) & Plumpton College - From Field to Plate; Sussex Wildlife Trust/Wild About Worthing Project - Forest School Activity 'Fire lighting'; Worthing Homes - Relishing Sustainability; The Body Shop - A Day in the Life of...; Sussex Green Living - Grown Your Own Revolution; Nicola Peel - Amazon Adventures.

We received some fantastic feedback from pupils. Here are a selection of comments:

- *'I think the Eco Summit is a really amazing chance for children to learn about saving the earth.'*
- *'Thank you to all the people who organised the event. I learnt lots about the environment.'*
- *'I enjoyed all the workshops I did! I will tell people that I know about this Eco day and I will spread the recycling message.'*
- *'Real feeling of children engaging physically and interpersonally with the issues out there and looking at what they can DO to make a difference.'* - Ambassador Pupil from TLA
- *'I felt the event was very educational and was run very smoothly. Very well planned and I am sure the kids learnt a lot, so did I!"* - Ambassador pupil from TLA

With thanks again to: The Littlehampton Academy for hosting this event and being a Eco Summit hub for their feeder schools; All workshop leaders and organisations involved in the day; to The Southern Co-operative for Sponsoring the E.Y.E. Project and for providing Refreshments and Food for workshop leaders; Wyevale Garden Centre for providing seeds; Kendricks Tea & Coffee for providing recyclable cups; Worthing High School for supporting the E.Y.E. Project; to the Ernest Cook Trust for their support of the E.Y.E. Project; **and most of all to the schools and pupils who attended the day!**

Photos of the day will be added to our website in due course.

9th Worthing & Adur Eco Summit planning

The E.Y.E. Project's **9th Worthing & Adur Eco Summit** is being hosted by **Davison CE High School for Girls** and is taking place on **21 June 2016**.

This event is now full. If your school is interested but has not reserved your places please contact the Project Officer Clare Sutton to enquire about the reserve list.

We are pleased to confirm that 17 Primary & Secondary schools from Worthing & Adur have reserved places and full details of the event along with workshop choices and delegate forms have been sent to these schools. Please can these schools ensure that the workshop booking & consent form is returned electronically to eye@worthinghigh.net **by Friday 20th May 2016**.

The event will have a Climate Change theme, with a Key note speech being given by Emma Pinchbeck, Head of Climate Change and Energy at **WWF UK**.

We have 17 workshops leaders running workshops at the event. They are: Shoreham Port; National Trust Slindon Estate; Brighton & Hove Bus Co; Davison Pupils; Creative Waves; Sussex Green Living; F.A.C.E & Plumpton College; Movingsounds; Southern Water; STEM – Brighton University; The Southern Co-operative; Second Nature; WSCC Waste Prevention team; Art Angles; Sustainable Business Partnership CIC; Weald & Downland Open Air Museum; Lewis Crathern Kite surfer.

There will also be a number of Stands at the event from local organisations including Worthing Fairtrade; Transition Town Worthing and TCV.

Chichester Eco Summit planning

Planning is also underway for our first Eco Summit in the Chichester area which this year is being hosted by Weald & Downland Open Air Museum. A number of local schools have been invited and workshops are being appointed.

Rocket Science Project

A number of our local schools have been selected to be part of the Rocket Science project. If you are one of these schools it would be great to hear from you with details of your experiment as we would like to produce an article for our newsletter and website about the Worthing & Adur schools involvement in this Project. Please do get in touch with details and photos.

Recent Adventure of Ed The Bear

For some of our local schools Ed The Bear is a familiar name as he has attended E.Y.E. project Eco Summits with Marine Biologist, Steve Savage.

Ed the Bear has continued to travel the Atlantic. After investigating the Atlantic Gyre where plastic debris collects and is a real danger to marine life, Ed the Bear continued his exploration. In previous visits to marine scientists in the USA Ed the Bear discovered how the ocean creates and moderates our climate and weather as well as providing freshwater, 50% of our oxygen and much more.

Ed the Bear has been investigating how oceans help to create weather and how differences in air and water temperature create different weather effects. For one thing, its heat escaping from the ocean into the air that creates the wind necessary to power the sailing vessel Moondancer that Ed the Bear has been traveling on. As the warm air rises cold air rushes in to replace it – this is wind. Temperature also creates sea mists. Ed the Bear encountered a huge bank of mist off the Spanish Coast, which is like being in a cloud as the mist is also made up of tiny water droplets. Sea mist forms when mild air travels over the colder seawater. This causes the moisture in the air to condense into water droplets. It was very eerie but not so scary once you know the science. And as long as you have a great captain and crew to get you safely through.

So once you know how our climate and weather 'works' it's easier to understand how climate change might affect our weather and climate. Just one degree rise in temperature will mean more moisture in the air which means more storms which may cause more flooding, coastal erosion and other damage. Climate change will also harm some marine life and this is what Ed the Bear hopes to learn more about in his continuing adventure.

Ed the Bear has been travelling with another Ed that many of you will know, Ed Wade-Martins from Moving Sounds who also runs very popular workshops at the EYE summits. Ed Wade-Martins is also captain of the Moondancer.

Ed Wade-Martins from Moving Sounds will be running a Workshop at the 9th Worthing & Adur Eco Summit in June.

Steve Savage who has provided this article, will be running a Workshop on the oceans at the Chichester Eco Summit in September.

Coastal Study CPD day 13 May

Steve Savage has also advised us that he is running a CPD training day at Shoreham Beach Nature Reserve on Friday 13th May in partnership with South East Learning Associates. There are still places available.

The day is an opportunity for Key Stages 1 and 2 teachers to explore the potential to incorporate a beach visit as part of a local study through science and geography. The training day will include relevant information about our local coast, practical workshops on the beach and activities focusing on bringing the seashore into the classroom. Details can be found on our website.

<http://www.eyeproject.co.uk/news/recent-adventures-ed-bear> . Whilst the deadline is showing as 6th May there are still spaces available.

YPTE

Young People's Trust For the Environment (YPTE) is a charity that aims to encourage young people's understanding of the environment and of the need for sustainability. They offer a free service to schools across Sussex giving educational talks on a range of global issues.

Rachel Bell who is an Ecologist and the local Education Officer for YPTE delivers talks and presentations to schools in Sussex.

You can find a list of the talks that she offers on our website if you click on our links page and then click on 'other links'

<http://www.eyeproject.co.uk/links/other-links>. To discuss further with their Education Officer contact Rachel on Tel: 01273 554785
email: bellhatchard@gmail.com Website: <https://yppte.org.uk>

Their website also has a large number of great resources for children, teachers and parents on Environmental Issues, Animals and more. There is a specific section for teachers where there are a number of valuable resources including lesson plans, printable fact sheets, videos and various downloads.

Action for Conservation summer challenge

Action for Conservation is a UK charity which uses pioneering approaches to engage and inspire young people, between the ages of 12 and 18, to become the next generation of nature conservationists. They work to engage young people just as they begin to consider A-levels, degrees or jobs, and engage them in a way that connects to their future aspirations.

They are giving 10 lucky students from across the UK, the chance to join them at the Stackpole National Trust Nature Reserve for a four day residential adventure in the wild this summer (15th-19th July).

The challenge is open to all students aged 12-16 on 31st August 2016. To enter the challenge pupils will need to answer three questions:

1. What environmental problem do you think needs tackling in your local area?
2. What ideas do you have to solve this problem?
3. How would you get your friends and others in your community to take action with you?
- 4.

Deadline for entry is 30th May 2016 - Winners will be announced on the 6th June. For more information visit: <http://www.actionforconservation.org/>

Useful links and 'tweet's'

Follow **@EYEProject** to see information relating to the E.Y.E Project along with **useful information and resources** from a range of organisations covering the keys topics of **Waste, Recycling, Litter, Energy, Biodiversity, Transport, School Grounds, Global Citizenship and Healthy Living**. We also tweet links to **activities for eco clubs**.

To see all our tweets/retweets follow [@EYEProject](#).

Upcoming events/Dates for Diary:

21st June 2016 - 9th Worthing & Adur Eco Summit at Davison CE High School for Girls for Worthing & Adur schools.

26th September 2016 - Chichester Eco Summit at The Weald & Downland Open Air Museum

Other dates for diary not linked to E.Y.E. Project

16th - 20th May - Walk to School Week

22nd May - International Day for Biological Diversity

27th May - WWF Wear It Wild Day <https://wearitwild.wwf.org.uk/>

5th June - World Environment Day

8th June - World Oceans Day

6th - 10th June - National School Grounds Week <http://www.ltl.org.uk/nsgw/>

13th - 19th June - Recycle Week

17th June - Empty Classroom Day - part of the [Dirt is Good Campaign](#) where schools sign up and promise to hold at least one lesson outside on the day.

17th September - Beach Clean Worthing - further details to follow.

MEMBER SCHOOLS SECTION

Networking Sessions (member schools)

E.Y.E. Project member schools only:

The next networking session for the Summer term will be arranged shortly and details will follow. If your school would like to host this session please get in touch.

Eco Video – chance to win £40 Gardening voucher

E.Y.E. Project member schools only:

A reminder that we are interested in receiving a short video from our Member Schools highlighting the 'eco' work that your pupils are involved in at your school. For example it would be great to see some of your eco warrior pupils engaged in activities or the results of any projects that they have been involved in, or pupils could advise how they 'make a difference' or how your school promotes sustainable / environmental awareness. We are looking for a short video clip (limited to 2 minutes) from each member school which we can then put on the member schools section of our website and also put together and show at the 9th Worthing & Adur Eco Summit. **There will be a £40 gardening voucher for the 'best eco idea' that a school has been involved with.**

CLOSING DATE: May Half term

Funding Opportunities

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[Bags of Help - Tesco](#)

Tesco award grants each year in around 400 Tesco regions to make sure the funding is spread evenly across England, Wales and Scotland. In total the Bags of Help programme supports thousands of projects each year.

Because there is major demand for grants, Groundwork assesses all of the applications received and then provides a shortlist of the applications received for a Tesco Shortlisting Group to agree three successful projects to forward to a vote in Tesco stores.

It funds capital projects that provide community benefit that do not charge for access and School Grounds projects are also included.

Round 2 was launched on 18 April and the deadline for applications is 3 June 2016. For more details visit:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/large-grants-tes>

Greggs Foundation Environmental Grants

Greggs Foundation aims to make a difference to people in need at the heart of their local communities. It has a number of funds which aim to address the needs of disadvantaged local communities. Their new programme, funded by the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs shops, aims to improve people's lives by improving their environments. Schools can apply for Grants up to £2,000 and consideration is given to projects that have an impact on the environment such as a growing project, energy conservation, waste reduction, or a project that combines a number of initiatives. Due to a high number of applications projects that involve the wider community in some way are likely to receive greater consideration (such as opening in some respect to the local community or involving volunteers from a wider community).

There are 3 rounds a year and the deadline for the current round is 1st July 2016. For more details visit:

<http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grants>

(a problem exists on this webpage but they hope to resolve this in the next few days)

Fiver Challenge

The Fiver Challenge, [Young Enterprise's FREE](#) nationwide challenge for 5 - 11 year olds is supported by Virgin Money and provides an interactive and fun way of introducing financial literacy, resilience and teamwork in learning for primary school pupils. Pupils have 1 month to set up a mini business and create a product or service they can then sell or deliver at a profit and engage with their local community. The challenge provides a loan of £5 to create products or services to sell at a profit which they are allowed to keep. They return the original loan to the Fiver Bank, with a voluntary additional donation which will be used to fund next year's contest. 5 - 11 years olds can take part through their school.

The registration deadline for the challenge is the 10th June 2016, once their funds have been allocated no further entries will be accepted. For further information about the challenge and how to enter visit:

<http://www.fiverchallenge.org.uk/about-fiver>

Perhaps your pupils would like to start an Eco / Green Enterprise upcycling everyday waste items?

The E.Y.E. Project is led by a Committee which includes the following core members:

Chairperson: Barbara Shaw (of Transition Town Worthing); Secretary: WSCC Senior Advisor Sustainability; Treasurer: Business Manager Worthing High School; Tim Loughton, MP.

For information about becoming E.Y.E. Project Members visit our website www.eyeproject.co.uk or email eye@worthinghigh.net

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The E.Y.E Project is sponsored by the Southern Co-operative.

The Southern Co-operative

"The Southern Co-operative is committed to safeguarding the environment in which we all live and work. Rather than offset our emissions by buying carbon credits that support environmental projects abroad, we invest in projects within the communities in which we trade (across the south of England). The EYE Project is an innovative and dynamic approach to engaging young people in a fun, informative and hands-on way, and The Southern Co-operative is proud to support this. We strongly believe that by supporting local projects - such as the E.Y.E Project - with not only funding, but also with practical help, advice and co-operation, we can help people of all ages to make a real difference to the environment." - The

Southern Co-operative <http://www.thesouthernco-operative.co.uk/>



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