

News, Events & Information Continued...

Local student to attend Copenhagen conference

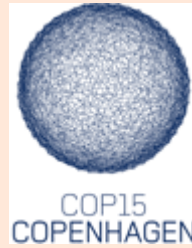
A Worcestershire student from Royal Grammar School, Worcester has been selected as one of four student representatives from Britain to attend the youth Copenhagen Conference at the end of November. Katie Haywood is responsible for raising awareness about the Copenhagen Conference in her local area, especially amongst young people. Katie is encouraging local residents to take part in the international 350 campaign which is calling for a fair Copenhagen treaty and show support on 24th October in a Day of Climate Action. For further information about this campaign visit www.350.org.

How can young people get involved?

Between 9th-12th October 2009 the UK Youth Climate Coalition will be hosting Power Shift at the Institute of Education, London. The aim is to show that young people have the skills and determination to secure cleaner energy for the future.

There will be an opportunity to meet Katie at the Bishops Wood Centre on 7th October between 4.30pm and 6pm to share ideas about climate change before the Copenhagen Conference.

For further information contact Rupert Brakspear rbrakspear@worcestershire.gov.uk,



Energy Saving Webinar for Schools

UK schools could reduce their energy costs by £70 million - make sure your school doesn't miss out. Register now for our free webinar to learn more about how schools and FE colleges can take practical steps to reduce their energy spend.

Date: 01 October 2009

Time: 12.30 - 1.30

For more information log onto www.carbontrust.co.uk/events/energy-saving-webinar.htm



Free Trees For your School!



The European Commission are giving away 5,000 young European trees to plant before the Copenhagen climate change summit in December.

Anyone aged 14-29 from ten EU states, including Britain, can go to www.clickatree.eu for a free sapling of a spindle tree.

The campaign is designed to raise awareness about climate change and promote individual action by young people. The website contains information on how to plant the trees.

There is also a competition to win one of 10 places on a European climate learning camp.

Entrants must upload photos of themselves planting their free trees to take part.

The deadline to enter the competition is **15 November 2009**.

Top Tips for School Food & Catering Services

The DCSF have produced a free publication with top tips on how your school catering can become more sustainable.

Please take a look at <http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/publications/1291917>.

Gardening in schools



Garden Organic as part of their contribution to the Food for Life Partnership have produced a wonderful series of sheets on gardening in schools. These range from how to make your own raised bed to health and safety information and risk assessments and from how to choose a shed to how to transplant seedlings! There are also games to play. Go to <http://www.gardenorganic.org.uk/growyourown/activities.php> to download. Remember also the courses on gardening in schools which are being run as part of the inset programme at Bishops Wood Centre.



Learning for Sustainability Newsletter *(from the LfS Forum)*

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a good summer! We are reducing the number of paper mail-outs significantly, working towards a more streamlined form of communication to support your work on **Sustainable Schools** and **Eco Schools**. This Newsletter will be the main document to **signpost** you to opportunities and possibilities that will over the course of this term be found in greater detail through our web-site www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability. Please look out for this Newsletter (one each half term) and ask it can come to both the Head teacher and Eco Coordinator.



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Training Opportunities for Sustainable Schools and Eco Schools: Autumn Term

Sustainable Schools: DCSF Framework & Links to Community Cohesion

30 September 2009 INSET number 3L018/01 (Focus: Heads and SMT)
Develops potential for **Sustainable Schools** to inform a **whole school approach**, bringing together diverse schemes / themes in school development plans (e.g. community cohesion, pupils contribution to school / wider community, curriculum development, climate change etc.).

Starting and Continuing Eco Schools

17 October 2009 INSET number 3LTW002/01
Develops understanding of the Eco Schools Award Scheme's key structures & processes. Focuses on empowerment of learners in taking key roles in reviewing, planning, taking action etc. as the school embeds learning for sustainability and links to the global dimension across campus, curriculum and community.
Please note **Working Towards Eco Schools Green Flag Award** course available on 3 February 2010 INSET number 3LT029/01

Sustainable Development in Action: Curriculum Planning

22 October 2009 INSET number 3LT028/01
Course focuses on embedding sustainable development within the curriculum, planning compelling learning experiences & evaluating the impact on learners. Demonstrates links between Eco Schools and DCSF Sustainable Schools. Course participants will be able to lead curriculum development in their schools using participative CPD activities.

Sustainability for Bursars and School Secretaries

4th November 2009 INSET 3W012/01
Staff responsible for budgets / purchasing will gain increased understanding of how their decisions impact on the sustainability of the school & local community. The course focuses on effectively monitoring energy and water consumption, understanding economics of recycling, saving money & providing a role model for staff, pupils and the local community.

Energy and Water for Headteachers and Site Managers

20 November 2009 INSET number 3LW004/01
Focus on benefits of managing energy and water more efficiently in school & curriculum links with energy and water management. Course explores how site managers & teaching staff can facilitate whole school involvement & gives opportunity to plan for the year ahead. Includes exploration of where support and funding may be sought.

For all INSET courses please book through the INSET office in the usual way.

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Green Flag Success!



Congratulations to the following schools who have recently been awarded a Green Flag.

Broadheath CE Primary
Chadsgrove School
Chantry High School
Oldbury Park Primary
Red Hill CofE Primary
Sytchampton First
Whittington CE Primary

Training Continued....

Eco Committee / Action Team training opportunities:

We are offering two days of training for Eco Committees / Action teams. These are ideal for an Eco coordinator and a team of up to c.6 learners, to help get things started with the Eco Schools Award and plan for the year ahead. Full of activities, fun and participation. Based at Bishops Wood Centre. FREE!

Contact Rupert on 01905 766378 / rbrakspear@worcestershire.gov.uk



21st October ~ Secondary Schools

Schools Grounds Courses

Course Code	Course title	Venue	Start date
3FTW004/01	Early Years: Improving Outdoor Areas for Foundation Stage	Bishops Wood Centre	18 th November 2009
3TWH003 / 01	LOtC—Growing Food in the Recycled School Garden	Bishops Wood Centre	15th October 2009

Funding & Competitions



The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy are seeking entries from primary or secondary schools for the 2010 awards. Entry is free and the Awards will be presented at a VIP ceremony in London in July 2010.

Entering the Ashden Awards for sustainable energy offers schools the chance to win promotional and publicity opportunities, as well as a cash prize for programme expansion, and engagement with experts and decision-makers in the sustainability sector.



Closing Date: 24th November 2009

Prizes: Individual prize money of up to £20,000
High profile publicity in the UK and across the globe
Tailored support to take the scheme further.

Eligibility: A broadcast quality documentary film about the award-winning work
Sustainable energy needs to have been a key part of the practice and culture of the school for at least one year.

The sustainable energy work includes behavioural changes that save energy (such as routines to ensure the pupils are switching off lights and computers), curriculum developments (such as integrating information about renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency measures into the curriculum), and technical measures (such as installation of energy efficiency and/or renewable energy technology).

For more details please log onto www.ashdenawards.org or www.eco-schools.org.uk

Interest-free energy efficiency loans for schools

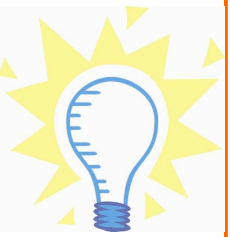
With support from the Carbon Trust, Salix Finance is providing interest-free loans (which don't require match funding) to public-sector bodies – including schools – to invest in energy-saving products. Visit the [Salix Finance](http://www.salixfinance.co.uk/loansscheme) website (www.salixfinance.co.uk/loansscheme) for further information on the £15.5 million scheme, and find out more about the Carbon Trust's campaign to cut schools' carbon footprint, including a free carbon survey for qualifying schools.

In the next issue we will have information about CO-OP grants.



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switch it off... is back!



Save your 20%

The Switch it Off Campaign is running again:

Undercover / Detective work week: 2nd – 6th November

Switch it Off! Week: 9th – 13th November.

A description of the process is included in the flier enclosed, along with the record cards for your Undercover and Switch it Off Weeks, and a Switch it Off at Home! sheet. Switch it Off week is only meant to be the start of a focus on energy! Schools that were awarded last years **Energy Award** saw savings of between 13 and 20% over a **6 month period** compared with the previous year! For a copy of the Energy Award Report please contact Rupert Brakspear on 01905 766378 or email Rbrakspear@worcestershire.gov.uk.

Switch it Off 2009 opportunities:

Link to the Warmer Worcestershire Project:

An opportunity to connect to the Warmer Worcestershire website, www.warmerworcestershire.com and observe your school / community from above, following a thermal imaging "fly-over" of the County last March. You will be able to see which buildings in your local community are likely to be wasting a lot of energy, and which are likely to be more energy efficient. A good link to historical / geographical / social understanding and scientific / technological understanding.

Link to The Pod: www.jointhepod.org. The Pod are working closely with Eco Schools UK, and have been inspired by our Switch it Off! Campaign. They are now making it a **national campaign** with schools! Go on-line and register, and start exploring ways you can collect data and explore the curriculum in ways that will all go towards your Eco Schools Green Flag!



Schools Poetry Competition: We are inviting schools to work through poetry within the *understanding of English, communication and languages* across all Key Stages to explore learner's attitudes, knowledge, understanding and feelings about Climate Change ~ and what they feel we can do to respond! Poems will be chosen for a book to represent views of young people from schools across the Switch it Off region! You might want to start off looking at www.britishcouncil.org/anthology.pdf

Poems must reach us by the 16th November 2009.

Council Chamber Event: Schools successful in the Poetry competition will be invited to share their Climate Change poems and to debate the issues in the Council Chamber with Councillors and County Council officers on Wednesday 2nd December, 4-6 pm. More information will be sent out soon.

Last Years Energy Awards Winners!

St Nicholas Middle School & Perdiswell Primary School.

By participating in the scheme and making a whole school effort to reduce their energy use they cut their energy bills by 15% and 20% respectively resulting in a financial saving of approximately £1000 each! (assuming standardised base unit rate)

So it might be worth considering that even without a prize from us, there is still a great incentive in the form of a significant financial saving for your school.



Global Education in a Box!

"Global Education in a box" is a practical model of treating Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship as a whole.

Ideas and activities are provided for 16 PSE lessons for KS3 but many are adaptable to younger or older students. The huge range of resources are selected from a range of publishers and include material which can be extended and used across the curriculum.

For more information and details of how you can hire the "Global Education in a Box" please contact Rupert Brakspear.