

# Key Partners

## Worcestershire County Council (WCC)

- Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) team
- Children's Service
- Healthy Lifestyles Team
- Extended Services Team
- Outdoor Education Centres (Upton Warren, Malvern Hills, Llanrug)
- Bishops Wood Centre
- Property Services
- Countryside Service
- Waste Challenge Team
- School Travel Team
- Forest Schools
- Early Years & Childcare Service
- Youth Service
- Participation and Engagement Team
- Schools

Global Dimensions Base (at Hagley Primary School)

Teachers in Development Education ~ TIDE

Education Business Partnership (EBP)

Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC)

Worcester City Council (WCityC)

Wychavon District Council (WDC)

Redditch Borough Council (RBC)

Bromsgrove District Council (BDC)

Malvern Hills District Council (MHDC)

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust (WWT)

Duckworth Worcestershire Trust (DWT)

Worcester Resource Exchange (WRE)

Forestry Commission

Top Barn and Worcester Slow Food

3 Counties Agricultural Association

University of Worcester

Worcestershire LFS Champions Group

Severn Trent Water (STW) ~ advisory

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## Worcestershire Learning for Sustainability Forum

# Learning for Sustainability Strategy

**Our vision** is that everyone involved in education, formal and informal, at all levels, will play a key role in creating a more sustainable future, locally and globally.

## Summary

For a full version of the Strategy please visit  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/learningforsustainability)

# Background

We believe the learning process can **inspire** and **inform**. It can **challenge** us, and build our **confidence** and our capacity to make a **positive contribution**, individually and collectively as **active citizens** to our society, economy and environment.

Places of learning can **model** what might be possible in the future as we develop sustainable **communities**.

In recognising this **Learning for Sustainability (LfS) Strategy**, signatories will work together to ensure that the people of Worcestershire have access to **educational opportunities**, alongside other key initiatives and commitments, for example from Government and business sectors that will:

- **inspire them to be creative and innovative**
- **empower them to make informed choices**
- **develop the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes necessary for a sustainable future**

## Key Themes

that run through and across this strategy are:

- **Climate change**
- **Global Citizenship**
- **Local Well-being**
- **Community participation**
- **Linking Thinking**
- **Active Learning for change**

# Aims

- To promote the understanding of sustainability, its relevance and potential across all educational settings through a focus on **whole organisation culture, curriculum, campus and community**
- To place the schools, Children's Centres, nurseries, youth facility, colleges and the University at the heart of a sustainable community
  - To act as a conduit for support around the **DCSF Sustainable Schools Framework** and the other key delivery mechanisms
- To support educational settings in making reductions in CO<sub>2</sub> through a focus on energy, transport, water, purchasing and waste
- To coordinate an improved level of support for children and young people, to help them make informed sustainable choices, communicate effectively, play a lead role, and model what is possible
- To communicate the vital importance of local and global biodiversity to a sustainable future and the need to play a proactive stewardship role
  - To maximise the impact of the expertise and resources within Worcestershire through partnership working, and to ensure consistent long term commitment, resources and funding

We have recognised the importance of **five key areas** that are at the centre of our strategy:

- 1 **Strategic development**
- 2 **Whole school / organisation approach**
- 3 **Curriculum development**
- 4 **Learners' Voice**
- 5 **Outdoor learning**

# Targets

- 1 Increase in County schools working towards becoming **Sustainable Schools (DCSF)**
- 2 Increase in the number of **Green Flag Eco Schools, Eco Settings** (for early years) and **Eco Centres**
- 3 Increase in numbers of organisations (High Schools / FE & HE) working with students as **Ambassadors** around theme of sustainability
- 4 Increase in schools, nurseries, Eco centres, FE / HE settings conducting student led formal **audits** (e.g. energy, water, etc.) linked to specific action plans to map progress
- 5 Increase in number of County schools and other educational settings able to **demonstrate savings**
- 6 Increase in the numbers of learning organisations taking auditing / action planning process **out into their communities**
- 7 Increase in organisations with specific reference to Sustainability in their **Curriculum planning**

## Objectives:

- 1 A specific **curriculum project** running every year involving Partners from the Forum, placing emphasis on critical thinking, creativity and innovation
- 2 Schools contributing to School **Sustainability Performance Indicator Targets** as set by County Council
- 3 With the **Education Business Partnership**, to establish and develop activity between schools and local employer organisations around the theme of sustainability, agree targets for future activity
- 4 Explore and establish the most effective ways of **supporting FE/ HE colleges** and the University of Worcester in becoming sustainable learning organisations

For a list of current agreed Actions please see the full version of the LfS Strategy