



# Leicester news

November 2016

## What is Eco-Schools Leicester?

Leicester City Council has a dedicated Environmental Education Coordinator based in the Environment Team who works with schools to help them become more sustainable in all that they do.

As well as one to one support, schools are able to engage through termly #EcoTeachmeets, staff training, resource planning & workshops, assemblies, Eco-Schools conferences & celebration events and can keep up to date through a dedicated Twitter account, monthly eBulletins and termly newsletters.

The Eco-Schools programme provides exciting opportunities for students in curriculum time as well as outside the classroom. Learning outside of the classroom (LOTC) has been identified as 'memorable activities leading to memorable learning and positively contributing to pupil safety'. LOTC provides positive benefits to all groups of young people and supports a rich, relevant, broad and balanced curriculum.

Welcome to the November Leicester environmental education and Eco-Schools newsletter ! It has been a busy start to the school year having already hosted our Environmental Careers Conference at the end of October.

It's really good to see so many schools involved and running an eco-team for a third year... and beyond! There are some amazing projects and activities taking place all over Leicester in all different types of school.

My intention over the next term is to set up smaller Eco-School conferences across the city which your school council or eco-team can participate in and find out about all the exciting work which is happening. If you would like to host a conference do get in touch.

**As always get in touch if you need any support, Lee.**



Environmental Careers Conference at City Hall,  
November 2016



## How to find out more

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🐦 @EcoSchoolsLCC



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Finished reading? Pass on to a colleague

## Eco-School Awards

Schools can register for Eco-Schools for free at [www.eco-schools.org.uk/register](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/register)

There are 3 levels of award: Bronze, Silver and Green Flag.

At **Bronze** level your school has set up a committee, carried out a review, created an action plan and indicated where environmental issues are covered in the curriculum and informed the whole school.

At **Silver** level your school has done the above plus involved the whole school and wider community, carried out monitoring and evaluation, created an eco-code and completed one in-depth piece of work from the nine topics.

At **Green Flag Award** status, your school has done all the above plus carried out project work in-depth for three of the nine topics and adopted a procurement policy.

**Bronze and Silver are self-certified** online. For **Green Flag**, schools submit evidence online and are visited by an external assessor.

Schools can also be awarded an instant **Energy Award** based on their energy usage.



*Since July 2016*

### **Recently registered/re-engaged**

Hazel Primary School  
Inglehurst Junior School  
Overdale Infant School

### **Bronze Award**

Mellor Primary School  
Evington Valley Primary School  
Falcons Primary School  
Parks Primary School

### **Silver Award**

Bridge Junior School



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## Newsletter

Our Eco-Schools newsletters are published 4 times per year. If you would like to submit an article for the next newsletter, the deadline is 6 January 2016. We ask for up to 200 words, at least 1 photo and contact details e.g. name and email address to [eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk)

### **How to find out more**

Check out the Eco-Schools website at [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk) or Leicester Eco-Schools website at [schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools](http://schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools)

# Low carbon lecture returns to Leicester

Councillor Adam Clarke, Assistant City Mayor - Energy & Sustainability,  
invites you to attend Leicester City Council's

## Fourth Annual Low Carbon Lecture

Tuesday 22 November 2016

at City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester

Reception from 4:45pm Lecture will commence at 5:30pm

**Jill Duggan**

**'Paris Agreement on Climate Change: What does it mean for UK businesses?'**

Jill Duggan Director of Policy at the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership & Director of The Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group will deliver the Fourth Annual Low Carbon Lecture

As places are limited booking is essential.

To book your place please register via [Eventbrite](#)



Each year Leicester City Council host a public lecture to celebrate and reflect on the work that Leicester is doing to combat climate change and to raise awareness of environmental issues.

Why not come along to find out more and network with like-minded people.

Book your place at [bit.ly/LowCarbonLecture2016](http://bit.ly/LowCarbonLecture2016)



# Leicester environmental careers conference

At the end of October 2016 we welcomed over 100 students from 8 secondary schools and colleges from across Leicestershire to our first environmental careers conference.

We also welcomed 16 presenters from many different industries including the BBC, Walkers Pepsico, University of Leicester and Pick Everard; as well as universities and higher education colleges from across the region to explain to students their options while looking at careers in the environmental sector. Our event took place and was kindly supported by the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership's (LLEP) Business Festival. We hope the students and staff enjoyed the event as much as we did and I look forward to finding out how the event influences their decisions in the future.

We produced employer profiles which students and schools can download after the event. To use them in school go to the [environmental education extranet](#).

**Sustainability Manager**  
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With the help of my team, I embed sustainability across the whole University, which is varied and exciting. Our students and the generations that will have to tackle the world's environmental challenges are passionate and perfectly placed to help teach them more about sustainability issues and help them develop skills to solve the problems.

**Why I chose my job:**  
I love my job for two reasons:  
1. No two days are the same. I get to work with lots of great, interesting people, learn about new topics and I am always challenged. It's never dull!  
2. I get to make a difference. I can point to things around campus that are making a difference and know that I helped make that happen. Last year we engaged with thousands of students who all got back to their corner of the globe and their major career briefing are carrying a lot more about the environment. It's my job to make a difference and I'm proud to do that.

**The day-to-day:**  
My job involves making sure we manage our carbon footprint responsibly, build green buildings and teach students the environmental knowledge and skills they will need. It's an office-based job but I get around a lot. We have to work in a team, communicate and negotiate. Some days I am going to be creative and come up with exciting marketing campaigns to convince staff or students to get involved in something, other days I'm in meetings presenting a business case to get approval to do something new.

**Key skills:**  
The main skills to be good at communicating with different types of people, in writing and face-to-face, and persuading them to do things that may impact on what they have been used to. It's also important to be able to come up with project ideas that will help get your organisation where you want it. Other key skills include:  
• Ability to learn new subjects and skills quickly  
• Ability to manage a budget and work with marketing budgets from time to time  
• Ability to learn facts and figures into spreadsheets, interesting reports, press releases and tweets  
• Good organisational & time management skills and the ability to deal with lots of projects at once  
• If you want to lead a team then the ability to inspire and motivate people is also important.

**Qualifications:**  
Good grades in the core subjects, Maths & English & Science are essential. Most people in my profession studied an environmental-related field, e.g. Geography, Geology, Environmental & Earth Sciences or other similar fields. It's also a good idea to have a degree in Environmental Change, although 100% essential, many people have done a post-graduate qualification in a specialist area such as Environmental Management.

**Salary & Progression:**  
A typical entry-level salary for a graduate is typically £20-25,000, rising to £40-65,000 with experience.

**Where to find out more:**  
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**Sustainability Manager**  
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My job is to reduce the environmental impact of the BBC's operations. This involves working with the BBC's staff and the public to reduce the BBC's carbon footprint and to make the BBC a more sustainable organisation. I also work with the BBC's staff and the public to raise awareness of the environmental issues that the BBC faces and to encourage them to take action to reduce their own carbon footprint.

**Why I chose my job:**  
I chose my job because I am passionate about the environment and I want to make a difference. I also enjoy working with a team and I am always learning new things. I also enjoy working with the public and I am always helping them to reduce their carbon footprint.

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I am an experienced automotive engineer with training in engineering, innovation management and sustainability. I started my career with an engineering apprenticeship at Oxford Instruments, completed undergraduate and postgraduate studies at Sussex and Cambridge Universities. I then spent 4 years developing engine clients across the world, followed by 4 years working on automotive legislation with companies, the UK government, the EU and the US. At Cetec, I now work with low and zero emission vehicle technology, in order to introduce more sustainable road transport.

Cetec's programmes and consultancy work delivers low emission vehicle technology (e.g. electric cars or gas powered engines), energy support and research and development into new vehicle technologies and supporting refuelling/recharging infrastructure. Cetec customers range from government organisations (international/local) to private business of all sizes.

**Why I chose my job:**  
I chose my job as it allows me to use my training to work on sustainable alternatives to the way we travel on the road, which are a major contributor to climate change and local air pollution. I also enjoy working with a team and I am always learning new things. I also enjoy working with the public and I am always helping them to reduce their carbon footprint.

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**Environmental Education Leicester**

**Environmental Careers Event**  
Monday 31 October 2016

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

[www.environmentaleducationleicester.co.uk](#)

**Eco-Schools** Supports the Eco-Schools award and next steps

# Cultivating Communities



**We need  
your vote!**  
**TESCO** Bags of Help



*Bags of Help offers community groups and projects in the Tesco's Midlands region a share of the money from the 5p charge on single-use carrier bags.*

*You can vote in Tesco stores from 31 October to 13 November on who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards. In total, there is over £12.5 million up for grabs.*




Cultivating Communities is a community fruit and vegetable growing and sharing project for all at the polytunnels next to the Braunstone Skills Centre and Fullhurst School.



Everyone is welcome to come and see what we do and get involved when they can, but to do this we need to make access easier for everyone. We want to install a pathway/ramp to the entrance. We also need to make access to a water supply simpler so...

**Pop down to Tesco and vote  
for your local project!**

Find us on  [cultivatingcommunities.leicester](https://www.facebook.com/cultivatingcommunities.leicester)



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[cultivatingcommunities2015@gmail.com](mailto:cultivatingcommunities2015@gmail.com)

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Leicester Masaya Link Group  
Working with our twin city in Nicaragua  
and raising awareness of global issues

**HIGH QUALITY CPD**  
endorsed by  
**LCC Raising Achievement Team**

**OFSTED**  
are now looking for schools to show that they are engaging with **Global Learning**.

This is probably already happening in your school but you may not be aware of it.

**WE OFFER\*** a programme of support and professional development that helps you identify areas of good practice, enhance your teaching and tick **OFSTED targets**, at **NO COST** to your school.



Global Learning is a dynamic pedagogical approach that cultivates critical thinking skills and links what we learn with the way we live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It encourages **young people** to connect what they do in school to the challenges of living in a fast-changing, interdependent and uncertain world, giving them the tools to develop resilience and plan for a just and sustainable future.

Join a network of schools to share ideas and make useful contacts.

A flexible programme of interactive workshops tailored to respond to **YOUR** needs.

A fantastic way to add meaning to SMSC and British Values.

Automatic membership to the Global Learning Library and access to support.

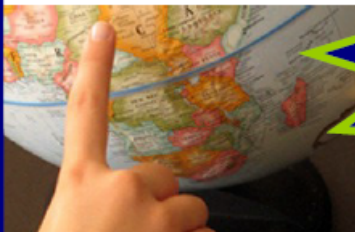
Introduction to and support from a range of local providers.

Goody bags packed with quality resources (and chocolate).

**'DEVELOPING GLOBAL SCHOOLS'** is an approved CPD course\* that provides practical ways to highlight the Global Dimension within and across the curriculum and helps teachers maximise what they are already doing.

Sign up for the Introductory Session on **Tue 6 December 2016**  
**9am – 4pm**

Forest Lodge Education Centre LE3 6LH  
to access up to £8000 of **FREE SUPPORT**



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\*Course developed and delivered by Leicester Masaya Link Group, Lifeworlds Learning and Leicester City Council Environmental Education Officer – approved by the Global Learning Programme

# Energy project research



Leicester City Council is working with De Montfort University and other organisations across Europe on an EU-funded project called EDI-Net – the Energy Data Innovation Network. The project aims to help cities implement sustainable energy policies through making energy data easier to understand and utilise. The project is particularly focussed on helping decision makers, finance managers and building users develop their knowledge of building energy use. Ultimately schools will be able to access their data in a more sophisticated version of DynamatLite, so it's really important that we find out about your needs and make sure the software does what you want.

This questionnaire is to understand your current knowledge of energy use in buildings and a further questionnaire will be circulated in 6-8 months time, once the project has been fully implemented. Deadline for completing 25 November 2016.

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EDI-Net\\_T1\\_Leicester](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EDI-Net_T1_Leicester)

There is more detail on this EU Project on the website [www.edi-net.eu](http://www.edi-net.eu).



*Will support the Eco-Schools energy topic*



## Healthy Teeth Happy Smiles!

Did you know that oral health and tooth decay can have a direct impact on performance in school, and that tooth decay for under 5's in Leicester is among the worst in the country? Did you know there is a **FREE** programme that **YOU** can participate in to help improve the oral health of children in your school?

'Healthy Teeth, Happy Smiles!' run a toothbrushing programme for preschool and reception years across Leicester. They provide full training for staff, all the toothbrushes and toothpaste you need, and ongoing support to run the sessions. Many schools across the city are fitting these sessions easily into their school day, and helping children form healthy habits and create a positive attitude towards oral health.

For more information or to set up your staff training session today contact [healthyteethhappysmiles@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:healthyteethhappysmiles@leicester.gov.uk)



*Supports the Eco-Schools healthy living topic*

# Fruit To Suit

**fruit to suit** the healthy tuck shop company. **fruit to suit** is a multi-award winning social enterprise company delivering bespoke, quality assured business and enterprise programmes to primary and secondary schools nationwide. Our programmes develop and encourage entrepreneurial skills and a greater understanding of business planning which can then be consolidated by establishing and operating a long term, sustainable healthy tuck shop business.

The aims of the company are to:

- Inspire young entrepreneurs
- Combat obesity and promote healthier lifestyles
- Tackle factors affecting health
- Develop opportunities for self help

**fruit to suit** supplies the healthy tuck shops with an extensive range of healthy snacks and drinks meeting the School Food Trust criteria to be sold in schools. The pupils promote the health benefits to their peers, families and local communities with the consequent benefits to the diet and quality of life within these areas.



Supports the Eco-Schools  
healthy living topic



## How to find out more

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# New BBC science initiative for 9-11 year-olds

Registration opens on 17th November for the BBC's UK wide primary science initiative starting in the spring term and we want your school to take part. The initiative has been designed for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils.

### How will it work?

From January 2017, every 4-6 weeks we'll be launching a series of science topics, each of which will include an experiment, on-line videos and teacher resources all designed to meet the key points of the primary science curricula across the UK.

Each topic and corresponding experiment has been developed for maximum flexibility so you can just do the core parts or expand the topic to suit the engagement and abilities of your pupils.

Follow this [link](#) for more details or search 'BBC science initiative for 9-11 year-olds'

Month	Science topic	Experiment
January	Animals including Humans	'Me' – what makes me different?
February	Materials & their Properties	'Water' - does my water freeze quicker than yours?
March	Earth & Space	'Time' – do I change when the clocks change?
May	Living Things	'Trees' – what do trees do for me?
June	Forces	'Speed' – how can going slower help me go faster?



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# I Dig Trees – Ready. Steady. Grow

Another year of tree planting with TCV and OVO Energy for the *treemendous* programme, I Dig Trees.

Last year, I Dig Trees enabled OVO and TCV to inspire and educate thousands of people about the benefits that planting trees would bring to their communities and communal green spaces... and planted 158,000 trees!

TCV have over 2,500 free community tree packs for distribution to community groups including schools. Each pack contains 50 trees and multiple packs can be ordered.

There are 4 types of tree and shrub packs available so can be planted in lots of different places. If you are interested but need help planting get in touch as we may be able to arrange volunteers to help work with your students..

To order your tree pack complete an application form online

<http://www.tcv.org.uk/community/i-dig-trees>



*Supports the Eco-Schools biodiversity and school groups topics*

## Remembrance Day for Lost Species

Remembrance Day for Lost Species: lest we forget. Three species are lost to eternity every hour.

Extinction is studied by scientists. Culturally, however, we risk forgetting the beauty and distinct life of extinct species and our historic relationship with past life forms. This is a chance to learn and tell the stories of those lost in the sixth mass extinction, and to renew commitments to those remaining. Extinctions are invariably linked to the loss of cultures and places too.

Since 2010, people held species memorial events around the UK and internationally. This November 30th, hold your own extinction memorial event – or just light a candle. For more information about events happening nationally or to publicise what you are doing follow the link below.



### How to find out more

✉ [info@onca.org.uk](mailto:info@onca.org.uk)

🐦 @LostSpeciesDay

🌐 <https://www.facebook.com/internationalremembrancedayforlostspecies>



*Supports the Eco-Schools biodiversity topic*



# Ashden LESS CO<sub>2</sub> programme

LESS CO<sub>2</sub>  
Helping schools become more sustainable.



## How does LESS CO<sub>2</sub> work?

Around 15 schools work together in a cluster. Staff from participating schools get expert advice in four half-day workshops spread across the year. Between workshops schools use what they've learnt to reduce their energy use. All receive support by mentoring from Ashden Award-winning schools to help them overcome any obstacles they encounter.

## What do we cover?

Our programme focuses on three key aspects of being a sustainable school:

- Managing energy use in school buildings: heating and lighting.
- Engaging with staff and students: starting up an Eco Club.
- Using sustainability in the teaching: learning about energy use in a local and global context.

## What are the benefits to schools?

Schools learn how to save energy and cut their costs and carbon emissions. They are empowered by engaging with their students and staff, and are educating our future leaders about sustainability. Schools have the opportunity to join the LESS CO<sub>2</sub> alumni network and go on to mentor other schools.

## What are our results?

Schools that have taken part in the programme have gone on to save an average of £5,000 and 20 tonnes of carbon each year.

As of January 2015, 40 schools have already completed the programme and over 50 currently taking part.

## What is Ashden?

Ashden is a charity that champions and supports the leaders in sustainable energy to accelerate the transition to a low-carbon world. Through our School Awards we recognise and reward UK schools that have made their buildings and grounds significantly more sustainable, and have integrated sustainability into their culture and curriculum.

## How do I join?

Some clusters are supported by local authorities, others sponsored by corporate or charity funding.

To find out more about the programme please visit [www.ashden.org](http://www.ashden.org) or contact the LESS CO<sub>2</sub> Programme Manager, [alex.green@ashden.org](mailto:alex.green@ashden.org)

Following two very successful clusters in Leicester over the last year, Leicester City Council is supporting Ashden to recruit further schools who would like to participate in this exciting programme in Leicester. The deadline is 14th October 2016.

Please contact Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator for further details about the Leicester school clusters. We will be running one single cluster of primary and secondary schools. The first meeting will take place on Thursday 1 December 2016.



Pupils from South Farnborough Infants (left) are keen energy-savers. This school participated in LESS CO<sub>2</sub> in 2010. It won an Ashden Award for its energy work in 2013 and is now mentoring local schools to follow in its footsteps.



*Supports the Eco-Schools energy topic*

# Nottingham and Leicestershire Forest Education Network

**Are you involved with Forest School delivery? Are you passionate about Outdoor Learning? Would you like to know more about both?**

**Do you know that a local organisation exists to offer INFORMATION, HELP, SUPPORT, TRAINING, INSPIRATION?**

Over 150 members are in this local branch of FEN. The group is run on a voluntary basis for teachers and other practitioners who work with children and adults in the outdoors and particularly woodlands. Many in our network are qualified Forest School Leaders and members of the Forest School Association, others are great advocates of outdoor learning. They all appreciate the benefits - social, mental and physical that being outdoors can provide for the children and adults in their care and are willing to share their skills, knowledge and experience with others. We run some formal training courses including Forest School training Outdoor First Aid and Bushcraft and several free skills sharing type workshops throughout the year plus we can usually put you in touch with someone who will provide help, if you need advice.

**To find out more and go on our mailing list please contact the secretary Cath Thomson [nottsleicsfen@outlook.com](mailto:nottsleicsfen@outlook.com) or phone 07887 996293**

## **What is the Forest Education Network?**

The Forest Education Network (FEN) is a forum set up to promote all types of forest education in England. It is the successor body to the Forest Education Initiative (FEI) England and is hosted by the [Council for Learning Outside the Classroom](http://www.lotc.org.uk/fen) (CLOtC) [www.lotc.org.uk/fen](http://www.lotc.org.uk/fen).

Its aims are:

- to promote access to outdoors/environmental activities to all ages
- to promote training for adults working with children outdoors
- to share ideas and improve on practices
- to support other local groups towards their first steps in environmental education.

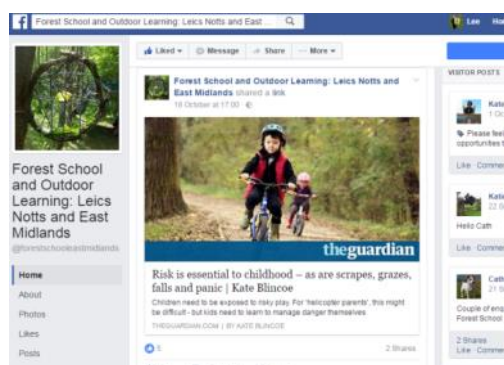
## **Why is the local FEN Group affiliated to the Forest School Association?**

The FSA is the professional body representing the interests of Forest School trainers and practitioners. It's website has lots of information about Forest School and training. It is worth joining for insurance discounts, networking and to have the logo on your publicity if you are an independent practitioner or provider. [www.forestschoolassociation.org](http://www.forestschoolassociation.org)

**Recently a Facebook page has been set up to support those interested in Forest School and Outdoor learning.** Take a look and participate: [www.facebook.com/forestschooleastmidlands](http://www.facebook.com/forestschooleastmidlands)



**Supports the Eco-Schools biodiversity  
and healthy living topics**





## Level 3 Forest School Leadership Training in Leicester



- Fun, interactive and fully accredited training
- Nationally recognised qualification
  - Excellent CPD opportunity

Course includes...

- Maximising pupils' learning and development outdoors
- Managing a small woodland for wildlife and education
- Practical bush-craft skills
- Planning and delivering fantastic programmes for young learners

**6 Wednesdays from 26<sup>th</sup> April – 7<sup>th</sup> June** (not 31<sup>st</sup> May)

**or Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July – Sat 29<sup>th</sup> July**

£685 + VAT

10% student discount

- choice of assessment methods to suit individuals
- excellent support with assignments after the course
- individual payment plan to suit you



We welcome existing teaching and support staff and anyone looking to start a career in education. **If you're interested in helping children to thrive then we'd love to hear from you!**

[www.environmentalstudies.biz](http://www.environmentalstudies.biz) Unit 12b Faircharm Industrial Estate, Evelyn Drive, Leicester, LE3 2BU  
0116 2895454/07398 777691 [bpainter@environmentalstudies.biz](mailto:bpainter@environmentalstudies.biz)

## Design for a better world



Design for a better world offers an exciting new global design challenge and competition for students aged 11-14 years. The deadline for entering the competition is the **16th December 2016**.

It offers students the opportunity to:

- Learn about the Global Goals for Sustainable Development
- Access a range of global contexts including Water and Sanitation, Food Security and Climate Action in which to identify a design problem
- Explore a range of technologies that people are developing around the world to address global challenges.

All the teaching materials and student activity sheets are available to [download](#). You can also order your [FREE poster](#) that supports this challenge.

**For display materials and other activities around the Global Goals please go to our Global Goals main page**



## How to find out more

Practical Action

✉ [enquiries@practicalaction.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@practicalaction.org.uk)

☎ 01926 634499

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# Free training and Food for Life events November 2016-March 2017



Now your school can take advantage of a free package of support thanks to a commission from Leicester City Council's Public Health Team.

<p><b>In-House Cooks Network Meeting</b> 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017  Both sessions between 2pm and 4 pm.</p>	<p>These informal meetings will be an opportunity for open discussion and networking with fellow school cooks and catering managers. Hosted by the Food for Life team we will be exploring the following areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Menus – Sharing best practice and what works well.</li> <li>• Recipes – We will aim to produce a Leicestershire Schools cookbook.</li> <li>• Training – What skills would we like to develop? Can we arrange it as a group?</li> <li>• Suppliers – We can talk about bargains, customer service, what we struggle to get hold of and how we can work together to improve things.</li> </ul> <p><b>At Roots Farm at Thorpe Farm, Barkby Thorpe, Leicester. LE7 3QE. Includes a delicious afternoon tea</b></p>
<p><b>Plot to Pot. Planning for the Spring.</b>  Tuesday 29th November 9.30-3.30</p>	<p>Create an action plan for growing for the spring term and produce a cropping plan for your own site. Develop links with the school Kitchen. Understand how to set up and maintain a compost heap and linking this with the kitchen and in school.</p> <p><b>At Fullhurst College, Imperial Avenue, Leicester, LE3 1AH</b></p>
<p><b>Mid day supervisors. Their new role with Ofsted and Food for Life.</b>  Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Time to be Confirmed.</p>	<p>Having completed this course you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be aware of the new Ofsted inspection of the dining area.</li> <li>• Be familiar with the aims and objectives of Food for Life and its award scheme</li> <li>• Understand the important role midday supervisors play at school</li> <li>• Have strategies for dealing with some of the common issues faced by midday supervisors</li> <li>• Be familiar with positive behaviour management techniques.</li> </ul> <p><b>Venue tbc. This training can be delivered directly to all of your midday supervisors. Contact Lisa Didier for further details.</b></p>
<p><b>Ideas Factory</b>  Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 - 5.30</p>	<p>This twilight session gives teachers and support staff the chance to get together informally after school and share ideas about positive food culture in their schools. The sessions have been designed to help you deliver Food for Life and build networks beyond your school. Delegates will also get the opportunity to explore a range of Food for Life resources and will be treated to a delicious afternoon tea.</p> <p><b>At Roots Farm at Thorpe Farm, Barkby Thorpe, Leicester. LE7 3QE. Includes a delicious afternoon tea.</b></p>



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<p><b>Growing for a School Farmers Market</b></p> <p>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. 9.30-3.30</p>	<p>This course will equip you with the knowledge you need to start organic food growing in your school, using 'own-grown' produce as a means to supply your School Farmers Market. You will plan what you need to grow and get ideas for how you can tie this in with enterprise activities along the way to raise funds for your market.</p> <p><b>Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre, Washbrook Lane, Oadby, Leicester, LE2 5JJ</b></p>
<p><b>Farm Links and Keeping Chickens in school</b></p> <p>Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. 2017 9.30-3.30</p>	<p>This one day training is an exciting farm-based training day to explore the links between food and farming and the curriculum, and to help bring your curriculum to life with practical classroom and farm-based activities. There will be opportunities to learn about the practicalities of setting up a farm link and time to plan farm visits into your curriculum. During this day we will also explore the practicalities of keeping chickens at school. Roots Farm currently have chickens on site and so you will see in practical terms what this entails.</p> <p><b>At Roots Farm at Thorpe Farm, Barkby Thorpe, Leicester. LE7 3QE.</b></p>

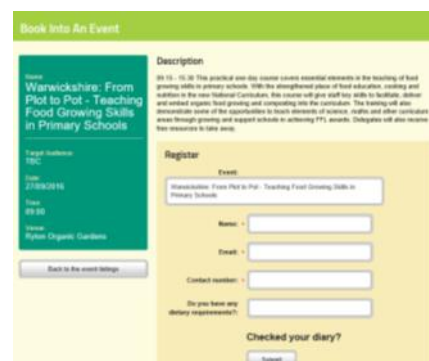
**Grandparents Gardening Week. Week commencing 27 March 2017.**  
**Put the date in your diaries, more details to follow.**

Registering your attendance couldn't be easier. Here are our simple steps:

1. Speak to your school's Food for Life lead for the email address and password.
2. Visit your online Food for Life portal at <http://www.foodforlife.org.uk/signin> and log in
3. If you have not signed up to Food for Life, in Leicestershire you can sign up for free through our [website](#).
4. Once on your portal go to your **Events** page and filter events by region, all Leicester City events will be listed under East Midlands.



5. Click on the training or event that you would like to attend and check the details and description
6. Register your details.
7. Submit



## How to find out more

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# Permaculture AGM comes to Leicester



**Permaculture Association Annual General Meeting & Thriving Communities Gathering**  
Saturday 19 November 2016, 10am - 7pm  
Graceworks, Leicester, LE5 6EA

The Annual General Meeting for members of the Permaculture Association will take place on 19 November. The venue is the wonderful Graceworks, a permaculture project and community garden in the city of Leicester. Graceworks is a LAND Learner with the site at Evington - an old United Reformed Church - the home to their Introduction to Permaculture courses. There is only space for up to 100 people to attend the event. We are asking attendees to make a donation of between £20 and £40 towards food, workshops and venue hire costs. To book your place on this excellent day and for more information take a look at the [Permaculture website](#).

## The Skills Show – career opportunities

The Skills Show (17-19 Nov, NEC Birmingham) can help you and your family learn about the skills and career options available in the UK today. Entry is FREE! Visit [www.theskillsshow.com](http://www.theskillsshow.com) to find out more! Visit the Skills Show on Sat Nov 19, NEC, Birmingham. The largest careers event in the country, free admission, meet employers, lots of 'have a go' opportunities for young people! Visit [www.theskillsshow.com](http://www.theskillsshow.com)

Give your family the chance to explore the enormous range of career options available to them at the UK's largest skills and careers event. Meet employers, plus 'Have a Go' at hands-on skills experience under the guidance of experts. Visit the Skills Show, Nov 19, NEC Birmingham, [www.theskillsshow.com](http://www.theskillsshow.com)

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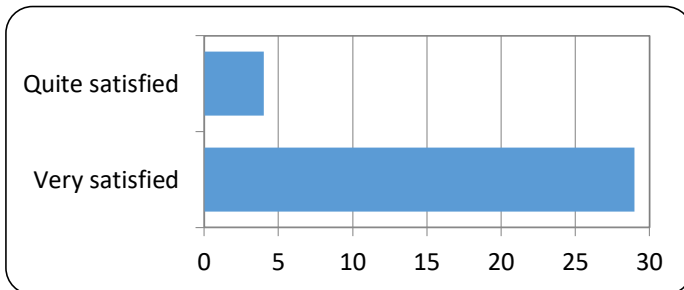
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# Environmental education review

Thank you to staff that completed the annual feedback of Environmental Education Leicester. It certainly helps develop the offer year on year and we have taken all feedback into account for this year's programme. Below is the summary of the feedback.

How satisfied are you with the Environmental Education Service?



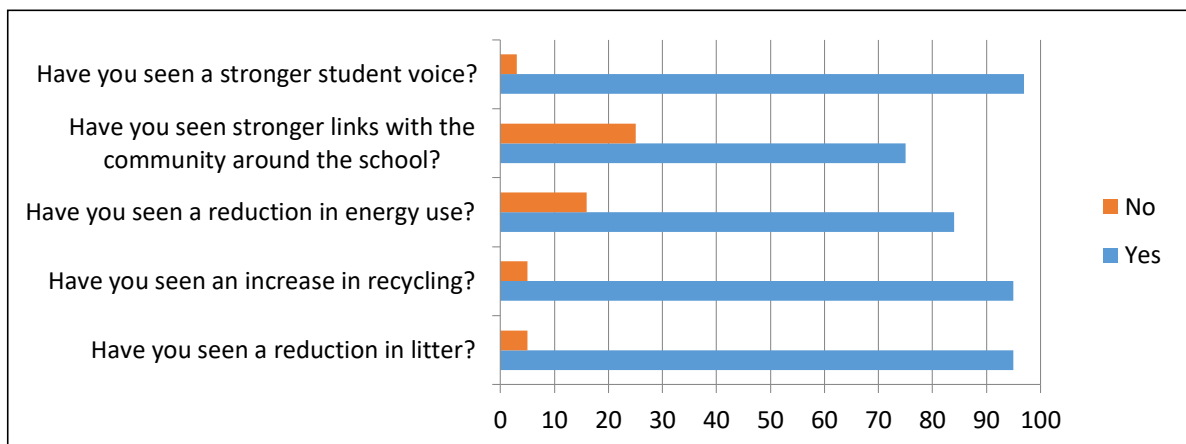
Those that attended the **#EcoTeachMeets** found the following useful:

- Discussions with others
- Meeting other leaders & seeing other schools
- Practical ideas, time for planning
- Awareness of resources and facilities
- Awareness of what's going on in the city



**The top things that school staff found useful were:**

- Email and phone support
- Eco-Schools newsletters
- Classroom activities/assemblies
- The eBulletin
- Grants
- Staff training i.e. The Crunch training



Figures are percentages (%)

