

NW Eco-Schools Conference

(12th Schools Sustainability Conference)

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Aims

- To provide an effective and stimulating learning environment where the targeted audience of high school students and Y4/Y5 pupils from schools in Lancashire and beyond will add to their knowledge linked to Education for Sustainable Development/
- To provide workshop and Marketplace learning experiences for all KS2 children attending the event and school team competitions and challenges for high school students
- To involve environmental groups in delivering learning activities linked to Eco-Schools programmes of study including Global Dimension, Healthy Life Styles, Biodiversity, School Grounds, Water, Waste, Energy and School Building and Grounds in workshop settings or in the Marketplace.
- To inviting guest speakers to deliver presentations to students.
- To invite high school students to highlight some of their ESD linked projects in the Marketplace.
- To provide a platform, in the Marketplace, for environmental groups to promote their services to schools. To inform school staff

Desirable outcomes

- Primary children will build on their existing knowledge as it relates to Eco-School topics and will leave with new ideas to share with others in their school.
- High school students will learn through engaging with marketplace learning activities and Team events.
- There will be an opportunity for the sharing of good practice and cross-generation learning.
- School staff will develop their understanding of learning for sustainability; taking away innovative ideas to introduce in their school from September 2019.
- Marketplace organisations will network; will make links with schools attending the event.
- Blackburn Rovers staff and students will hopefully engage with the initiative

Additional information

- We hope to attract over 35 primary schools each bringing 6-8 pupil delegates and on average 2 staff. This could result in approximately 350 children needing workshop places and 70 adults having access to CPD.
- We will run a Trash Bang Band competition with 2 cash prizes for the winning schools (£100 each) and a zero- waste packed lunch competition with cash prizes for schools achieving no waste. (This is a very competitive activity. In 2017 there were 3 winning schools.)
- For high school students we will be running a STEM focused Green Challenge; a global dimension Production Line Team Competition and another activity, yet to be decided. These events will attract 80-100 students. As in previous years there will be a cash prize of £150-£200 for the winning team in each learning activity and £15-£20 vouchers for each member of the winning teams. Funding prizes will hopefully come from sponsorship.
- Organisations will be offered a free marketplace space to highlight the work they do. We hope to have returning organisations and new groups..
- Each primary school will leave with a conference bag of information and promotional giveaways. The contents will need to be sourced.