## 15 Leicester City Schools Litter Less Campaign – Leicester







During the Great British Spring Clean 2018, children and young people from across Leicester's schools joined together to clean up their neighbourhoods for the Litter Less campaign.

Arranged in partnership between Eco-Schools and the city council, 15 schools – both primary and secondary – litter picked their school grounds and the surrounding streets before joining together at a Abbey Park to celebrate their achievements and help raise awareness.

Although the Litter Less campaign (a joint initiative of the Wrigley company and the Foundation for Environmental Education) is now in its seventh year and has run in 35 countries, this is the first time city's schools have joined together to achieve such amazing results.



Soar Valley College, alone collected a child's weight in rubbish (over 7 stone) and by the time the 15 schools met up in Abbey Park, they'd collected a staggering 213 bags full of litter. And it wasn't just the streets of Leicester that benefited, as some of the young people involved explain,

"it would be a great idea to do this every week... students learn about how important our environment is and why we should cherish it" – Jenni, year 11, Hamilton Academy. "Fun and enjoyable whilst being good for our school and local environment" — Keira, year 9, Hamilton Academy.

Congratulations to all the staff and pupils involved in making this such an amazing, inspiring day. Joining with countries as far apart as Australia, Mexico, Kenya, China, Russia, India, Spain and Israel in this year's Litter Less campaign, together we cleaning up the planet by caring for the environment on our own doorsteps.



During 2019, 30 schools from Leicester City will be invited to participate in the project. Each school that participates will receive funding to purchase litter picking equipment or materials to promote their project. If you would like to participate in the project next academic year please do get in touch.

## How to find out more



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