

Dear Aakifah,

Welcome to the **December Sustainable Leicester Schools' eBulletin**. I am very pleased to welcome Amy Peace our brand-new Graduate Project Officer who will be working in the team during this academic year. Amy comes with experience of working at the Field Studies Council and has an interested in sustainable food. **Amy has been shadowing me over the last few weeks and if you haven't met her already, you will meet her soon on school visits or events.** Things coming up over the next few weeks:

- Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation – deadline to participate 9 February 2020
- Sign up for Leicester's very own Trashion Show run by Christ the King Primary School
- Support Western Ward Community Enterprise Project Hive to redevelop the Eco-House

If we don't see you before we hope you have a restful Christmas break and look forward to lots of exciting eco-activities taking place in the new year. **As always, if you need any help or support email or contact us, Lee and Amy**

- Lee.Jowett@leicester.gov.uk
- Amy.Peace@leicester.gov.uk

[Trashion Show 2020](#)

Christ the King Primary School are looking for schools to take part in this year's Trashion Show. Schools design and make their own clothing items from recycled and reused items to walk down the catwalk in front of family and friends to show off their creations

The aim is to highlight the importance of recycling, reducing plastic use and upcycling/reusing items

This is a great way to have major impact on climate change in our city - let's make a stand, or a walk or a strut!

The show will be held in the spring term - either the week before?? or after half term. Sign up by the end of this term by email [Anna McAuley](mailto:Anna.McAuley)





[Have your say in Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation](#)

We want everyone to have their say on what we do about the climate emergency. To do this we're running Leicester's Climate Emergency Conversation until 9 February 2020. We have published proposals, explaining what we think Leicester would need to be like as a carbon neutral and climate-adapted city. The proposals include a list of actions which we think could help achieve this.

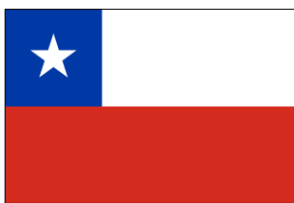
Are you a community or group?

We have produced a pack to allow any community or group of people in Leicester to run their own climate emergency conversation event. The pack contains a short version of our proposals and a guide on running the event and how you can share your results with us. You can request a pack by [sending us an email](#)

Leicester's climate assembly – Saturday 18 January 2020

This event is aimed at anyone in Leicester, not just those who are already involved with the climate emergency. If you'd like to apply to take part in Leicester's climate assembly, please [email us](#) to say you are interested. Please note, we will ask for some information about you if you apply. This will enable us to select a diverse range of attendees that properly represent Leicester.

The consultation closes on 9 February 2020



[Link with a secondary school in Chile](#)

There is a secondary school in Chile looking to twin with a school in Leicester. They are currently participating in a project with small sensors, measuring climate and weather variables and designing mini projects to measure their own environment and find out more about local issues to do with water, UV damage, temperatures, and CO₂. If you are interested in twinning please email eco-schools@leicester.gov.uk

[Project Hive plan to turn Leicester's former Eco House back into community use](#)

They are seeking public support through a crowdfunding appeal. Western Ward Community Enterprise (WWCE) hopes that its 'Project Hive' appeal will help raise £26,000 to kickstart its plans for a major refurbishment of the vacant building and land in Western Park.

You and your school can help by:

- Sending out flyers to go in book bags or local shops/areas
- Promote via social media [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)
- Send out via parents newsletter/ParentPay
- Fundraising events in school to help
- Put into your email signature
- [Pledge individually or as a school to support](#)

The deadline to achieve the target for £26,000 is 15 December 2019.



Spacehive PROJECT **hive** **Project Hive**

Western Ward Community Enterprise need your help to kickstart plans and apply for national funding to refurbish the former eco house to create a social space for people of all ages to encourage lifelong learning, increase community cohesion and reduce social isolation.

Help turn this idea into a reality by making a pledge!

Target: Phase 1 - £26,475

Delivery: Bring derelict land back into community use
Incorporate green features to link to the ethos of the original Eco House
Support the reduction of anti-social behaviour in Western Park
Preserve and restore former community gardening space

www.spacehive.com/project-hive

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Find out more and help make this idea a reality by pledging your support!

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[School Cartoon Competition](#)

Young Vets Club would like the children in your school to illustrate a story board for our next kids magazine explaining how Ekari, a baby elephant in Myanmar, was rescued after being snared by poachers.

It is **completely free** for schools and pupils to enter and there are **lots of great prizes** to be won.

The winner's creation will be published and the student and their school will receive a framed copy of their work. To reward the efforts of as many children as possible we are also giving away **250 free memberships to our Young Vets Club** (These will be valid for 1 year and are normally worth £30 each.)

Find out more and download your free competition posters from their [website](#). All materials will be emailed in January and closing date is **27 March 2020**.



Young Vets Club

GET CREATIVE AND ENTER OUR SCHOOL CARTOON COMPETITION!

Ekari

Illustrate the story of orphaned baby elephant, Ekari, rescued by WVS vets in Myanmar.

PRIZES!

First place:
Your artwork will be published in our next magazine and receive a framed copy of your cartoon story!

Runners up:
250 free one-year Young Vets Club memberships!

ABOUT EKARI
Ekari and her mother were part of a group of working elephants carrying logs out of the forest in Myanmar. Ekari's mother was taken by poachers leaving her alone, trapped in a snare. She was rescued and now lives happily in an elephant sanctuary.

WHO ARE WE?
Young Vets Club is a club for animal lovers all over the world run by international charity Worldwide Veterinary Service. The charity provides veterinary care to animals all over the world which would otherwise not receive it.

WVS
Worldwide Veterinary Service is a registered charity in England and Wales (1100483). WVS, 4 Castle Street, Cambridge, Cambs, CB2 1PE. Registered with the fundraising regulator.

[#EcoTeachMeets in Leicester](#)

The next #EcoTeachMeet will take place **Tuesday 11 February 2020, 4.00pm-5.30pm** at **New College Leicester, Glenfield Road, Leicester LE3 6DN** The TeachMeet will present lots of different projects in the city including *Air quality, sustainable transport, global learning, energy saving, recycling and projects being delivered by Leicester Schools – book a 5 or 8 minute slot to present **Book** via bit.ly/2ILFeIQ*

If you would like to present something you have done in school that would be great - otherwise just come along to learn something new!
All school staff and like-minded organisations are welcome to come along!
Book your place [now](#)



#EcoTeachMeets Leicester 2019/20

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TBC - Thursday 3 October 2019, 4.00pm-5.30pm at **Walsey House Primary School, Beaumont Leys Lane, Leicester LE4 2BB** **NEW** updates on the Eco-Schools Award • **BRAND NEW** Reducing single use plastic in school • **Food growing opportunities** • book via bit.ly/2ka0A4d

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- Tuesday 5 May 2020, 4.00-5.30pm at **Nether Hall School, Keyham Lane West, Leicester LE5 1RT** *Interactive workshops on outdoor learning and environmental education and opportunities to see the school grounds of Nether Hall School **Book** via bit.ly/2IAD13b*

#EcoTeachMeet
Learn about all the latest environmental activities happening both in the city and nationally
If you would like to present something you have done in school that would be great - otherwise just come along to learn something new!
All school staff and like-minded organisations are welcome to come along! Book your place by following the links above

If you would like more information please contact **Lee Jowett, Environmental Education Coordinator** Lee.Jowett@Leicester.gov.uk or 0116 454 2271

 Supports the Eco-Schools awards as part of your evidence



Can you encourage your pupils to take alternative transport and help save our planet? They could walk, scoot or cycle. They could use public transport or even electric cars to **win great prizes!** Plus, we have a great **curriculum-linked lesson** to help teach about renewable energy and the importance of zero-emission travel. [Register now](#) to participate.

The deadline for submissions is Monday 6 January 2020.

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