

Dear Aakifah,

Welcome to the **December Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin**. It goes without saying that this has been a truly unprecedented term and we want to say a massive thank you to you all for your hard work. We hope that you are all coping with the increased stress at this time and want to let you know that we are still here to support you in any way we can. We are available to support you and colleagues in school over the phone, video calls and as always, on email.

We also want to say thank you to everyone that participated in **Climate Action Fortnight** during **9-20 November**. We had a great time hearing from lots of special guest speakers, and we hope you did too. All content is now available on the [EcoSchoolsLCC YouTube channel](#) to be accessed at any time. We'd love to hear what you got up to so do please drop us an email and we will publish it in our January Newsletter.

Upcoming events and competitions:

- [Win Alice Hawkin's Sculpture](#) – Deadline **Friday 18 December 2020**
- [3D Printer Competition](#) – Deadline **Friday 1 January 2021**
- [Eco-Schools Governor & Trustee Training](#) - **Tuesday 12 January 2021**
- [Carbon Literacy Training for School Staff, Governors and Trustees](#) – Starts **January 2021**
- [#EcoTeachMeet](#) – **Wednesday 24 February 2021** – Virtual
- [Grow Your Own Grub](#) – Deadline to sign up - **Friday 26th February 2021**

Do take care and always, if you need any help or support email or contact us.

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[Climate Action Fortnight, 9 – 20 November 2020](#)

Each morning we featured several speakers talking about the Climate Emergency with a different theme. Each presentation lasts between 30-45 minutes. They are available to watch on YouTube and can be viewed with your class or as a home activity at any time.

[Playlist of the fortnight \(including Sustainable Schools Celebration\)](#)

Week 1

- [Monday – Global Learning](#)
- [Tuesday – Biodiversity](#)
- [Wednesday – Health Living](#)

Friday 20 November - Energy

Speakers	Activities
▶ Alex Green - Ashden, LESS CO ₂	▶ Carbon foot printing
▶ Daze Aghaji - climate activist	▶ Declare climate emergency
▶ The team - Climate Strike planning	▶ Hosting an 'in-strike'



- [Thursday – Transport](#)
- [Friday – Litter](#)

Week 2

- [Monday – Marine](#)
- [Tuesday – School Grounds](#)
- [Wednesday – Waste](#)
- [Thursday – Water](#)
- [Friday – Energy](#)

If you've not had chance to see the [Climate Action Newsroom](#) – its well worth taking a look. Available now on Facebook, Tina and John interviewed:

- Lee Jowett – Environmental Education Leicester
- Cllr Clarke – Deputy Mayor
- Millgate School – Climate Newsroom
- Andy Salkeld – the new eBike scheme
- Gerhard Haas – Climate Activist
- Environmental Youth Board – Faith and Jasmine
- Kavita Ashok – who works with young people in India

In case you missed anything during our Climate Action Fortnight, information is available on the schools extranet. All content was delivered online via Microsoft Teams Live and is now available on our [EcoSchoolsLCC YouTube channel](#) to be accessed at any time.

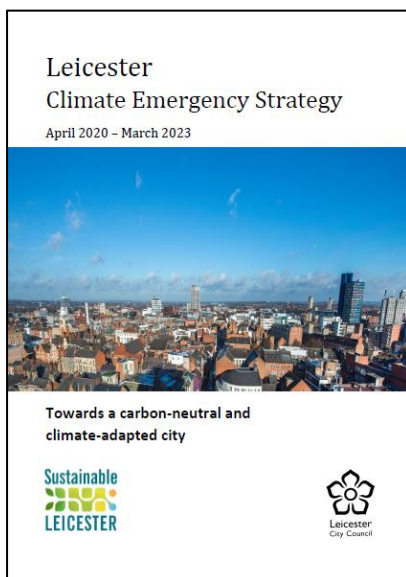
Download the booklet and find out all about all the events that took place via the website:
schools.leicester.gov.uk/climateactionfortnight2020

Tuesday 17 November - School Grounds

<p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Samantha Woods - The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) ▶ Martha Rose - Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust ▶ Mary Jackson - Learning Through Landscapes 	<p>Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Design your own ideal playground ▶ 8 easy minibeast habitats children can make in the school grounds
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[Leicester City Council's Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan](#)

Our Climate Emergency Strategy and Action Plan 2020 to 2023 has been produced following extensive public consultation and engagement including the 104 young people that attended the **Young People's Climate Assembly** who spent a day discussing the Climate Emergency at City Hall and over 200 pupils from primary schools who gave us their ideas through the Primary School Conversation Packs.

The comments and ideas from the public and extensive research by us has contributed to our new strategy and action plan to address climate emergency in Leicester. The strategy provides some high-level detail explaining what actions we need to take and presents a three-year strategy for addressing the emergency, along with a three-year action plan.

Training and Networking Opportunities – 2021

- **#EcoTeachMeet Student Takeover** - Wednesday 24 February 2021, 3.30 – 4.30 pm [online via Microsoft Teams](#).

In a slightly different format, we want to throw out next EcoTeachMeet over to the students of Leicester. Do your students have project that would like to share? If so please complete the interest form [here](#).

All are welcome to attend to catch up on what is happening in Leicester.

Book your place now: [February #EcoTeachMeet2021](#)

- **Carbon Literacy Training for School Staff** - January 2021 (full details below).
- **Eco-Schools Governor & Trustee Training 2021** - Tuesday 12 January 2021, 4.30pm – 6.00pm - Online on Microsoft Teams (link will be sent the week before). Free and open to all schools in Leicester City (full details below).

#EcoTeachMeet Leicester
Wednesday 24 February 2021

Leicester City Council

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Presentations from colleagues and children on the impact of environmental education, projects and activities happening in Leicester Schools.

If you or the young people from your school would like to present please complete the interest form [here](#) or get in touch.

All school staff welcome! Book your place now:
[FebruaryEcoTeachMeet2021](#)

If you would like more information, please contact the Environmental Education Team Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk

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Carbon Literacy Training for School Staff

In order to raise awareness through the community of Leicester we are using the Carbon Literacy Project as a way of accrediting school staff and students to become carbon literate. This equivalent one-day course will enable participants to be carbon literate and support them deliver their own course back in school. Following the success of our recent virtual courses we are hosting another starting in **January 2021** on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 20 January, 4.30 – 6.30 pm**
- **Wednesday 27 January, 4.30 – 6.30 pm**
- **Wednesday 3 February, 4.30 – 6.30 pm** (You must attend all sessions to pass)

Why participate?

- Gain a better understanding of how climate change will affect you and those around you
- Become an accredited Carbon Literate individual
- Acquire knowledge and skills to develop your own responses to lowering your carbon footprint, and the carbon footprint of others
- Gain knowledge of delivering a course about basic climate change science to your students
- Help to enable students to become carbon literate

Virtual Carbon Literacy Training for School Staff, Governors & Trustees

In February 2019, Leicester City Council declared a climate emergency. We are working to develop an emergency programme of action to reduce carbon with aim of the city becoming zero carbon.

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Training: Wednesdays 20 & 27 January, 3 February 2021
4.30-6.30pm each day (you need to attend all 3 sessions to get accreditation)

Training Delivered online via Microsoft Teams

Who would benefit from this project: All school staff and governors with an interest in becoming carbon literate especially those involved in teaching about climate change and the climate emergency in Years 5 and 6.



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Your commitments

- Attend all three training online training events in January/February 2021
- Complete feedback about your experience
- Create at least one significant action, as an individual, to reduce your own personal carbon footprint
- Create at least one significant action involving other people to reduce the collective footprint of your work community or place of education
- Encourage your school to participate in carbon literacy either by delivering training yourself or arranging for Leicester City Council to deliver in-house (at a future date to be confirmed)



This cost of this training is £10 per person to cover accreditation.

To book your place please book via this [eForm](#) or email Eco-Schools@Leicester.gov.uk

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eBikes for Schools

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Our commitments

- We bring you a fleet of 6 electric bikes with cycle bags and helmets on an agreed date & time
- We provide training for staff to help them use the e-bike
- We assist with an on-call option in case there are any issues
- We give you a hire period of 4 weeks in total! eBikes are able to provide 15+ miles per full charge


Your commitments

- You provide time for staff to participate in training – typically 1-2 hours in an afternoon on the same day that the bikes and equipment is delivered
- You provide safe and secure bike storage on site
- Participants engage with students and staff to discuss challenges and benefits of eBikes e.g. through an assemblies or workshop
- Provide feedback after the month

The cost of involvement in this scheme is £270 per school, however we can assist you with an application for a grant to cover this. This cost covers equipment hire and training time.

If your scheme is successful with staff, we can support with a further grant of £5000 to purchase eBikes to be used by school staff.

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Enhanced support provided by Sustrans


- Personal Travel Planning – to help you plan the route that is best for you including use of keyworker corridors where appropriate
- Journey buddying – riding with you when you first give the route a go
- Use of a Sustrans helmet cam e.g. we can pre-film the ride to show you and/or for you to record their ride to show clips of it to the students
- -Film interview with them which they can then show to their school students

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Example of eBikes provided

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 Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk  0116 454 2271/4543/6746



Tree Planting for Schools

Plant an orchard in your school and be a #ForceForNature

Order a free pack of fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard or fruiting hedgerow for your school now!

The Tree Council are giving away free orchard and hedgerow packs to inspire teachers and pupils around the country to get outdoors, plant and care for trees. Teachers will also receive an engaging set of resources, designed by experts and teachers, all linked to the national curriculum.

There is a comprehensive guide [webinar](#) for planning a successful orchard project at your school presented by Richard Pollard, National Schools Programme Manager and partners Lewis McNeill from The Orchard Project and Mary Jackson from Learning Through Landscapes.

Before you apply:

Read the [application guidance](#) to help you plan your project. You might also find the [Learning Through Landscapes guide to planting a school orchard](#) helpful.

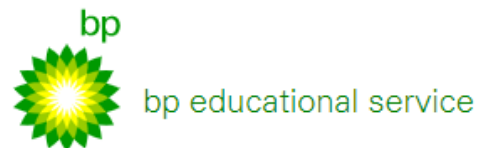
Read the [Orchards for Schools](#) pledge – a shared commitment to plan, grow and care for the trees planted together.

[BP Educational Service Resources](#)

Help your pupils to make the connection between living things, habitats, and the health of our planet. Download this year's **Ultimate STEM Challenge** and our NEW **Super Scientist: David Attenborough** resources to start learning!

These free resources have been designed for socially distanced classrooms and remote learning and include video lessons, worksheets and easy to follow lesson plans.

Register on the website to access the material:
bpes.bp.com/



[Litter Less Leicester](#)

It's back for the fourth year! The Litter Less Campaign educates children and youth around the world on the issue of litter and gives them the opportunity to engage their local communities in awareness-raising activities.

The Litter Less Campaign is a joint initiative of the Mars Wrigley Foundation and Foundation for Environmental Education. Since its launch in 2011, the Litter Less Campaign has educated over three million students around the world about the challenges of litter and waste in their communities and empowered them to become leaders driving sustainability and positive behavioural change.

We are recruiting 20 new schools to participate this year and we have 1 space left. To register your interest, fill out this [eForm](#). A small number of schools that previously applied can participate again (however funding is not available for returning schools) – but do get in touch!

A poster for 'The Eco-Schools Litter Less Campaign'. It features a green header with the campaign name and a logo of green dots. The text describes the campaign's aim to reduce litter and change waste management systems. It provides training details for Friday 13 November 2020 (1.00-3.30pm) and lists reasons to participate, such as receiving funding and applying for awards. It also lists school commitments like attending training, purchasing equipment, and carrying out litter picks. Logos for Leicester City Council, Eco-Schools, and Keep Britain Tidy are at the bottom. A green footer contains contact information: 'To book your place please book via our eForm or email Eco-Schools@leicester.gov.uk'.

Win Alice Hawkin's Sculpture

We have an exciting opportunity for you to be the proud guardians of leading English suffragette **Alice Hawkin's bust**. The unique piece of artwork, produced by **Liverpool sculptor Philip Garrett**, has been kindly donated to the **Alice Hawkins Legacy Group**, who would like a deserving school to become custodians of it.

Competition open to **all secondary schools**.

To win, we would like students to write a short essay (maximum of 400 words) about how Sustainable Development Goals 5 (Gender Equality) & 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) relate well to the achievements and goals of Leicester's suffragette Alice Hawkins.

Entry forms and posters can be downloaded from the [extranet competition page](#).

The overall winner will receive the bust to display in school – ensuring it is looked after and interpreted for generations to come. Deadline Friday 18 December 2020.



Historic England



Credit: Philip Garrett



There's a Monster in My Kitchen

Monster is a new animation from Greenpeace. It tells the story of a boy's unlikely friendship with a jaguar, whose forest home is being burned by the meat industry. Aimed at 7 – 14 year olds, the resources help young people to understand the link between industrial meat and deforestation and offer a range of inspiring activities to help save the forests! [You can watch the film here](#), and visit the [website](#) (greenpeace.org.uk/resources) to get a free resource pack for 7-14 year olds.

GREENPEACE

When you register, you'll be able to make use of:

- An engaging lesson with cross-curricular links to Geography, English, Citizenship and Art & Design
- Flexible classroom activities that encourage active learning, that can be delivered in a Covid-safe way
- An emotive animation which brings the issue to life and develops emotional literacy
- A creative campaign toolkit, that pupils can complete in class or at

home that empowers them to take actions that can create change

[Grow Your Own Grub and Pumpkin Garden Competition 2020-21](#)

We were very sad to cancel our 2020 food growing competitions BUT we have already started to plan this year, with adaptations to allow for changes in school.

The Mealbarrow and pumpkin garden competitions are a great way to incorporate healthy living and mental well-being into the school day as well as highlighting your growing activities to the wider school community.

- Grow Your Own Grub - for more details visit the [competition page](#) and download the flyer [here](#).
- Pumpkin Garden - for more details visit the [competition page](#) and download the flyer [here](#).

Deadline for entries is Friday 26 February 2021 and will be filled on a first come basis.

Any questions please email GrowYourOwnGrub@Leicester.gov.uk



[Farmvention: Climate Superheroes](#)

Our [Farmvention: Climate superheroes competition](#) is looking for young people to use their ingenuity and problem-solving skills to create an innovation or invention to help farmers fight climate change. Working on an entry or completing some of our [differentiated and curriculum-linked investigations](#) would be a great home learning task to alleviate lockdown boredom.

Don't forget, our [brand-new 3D tours](#) are also at hand to inspire your young learners and transport them out of the house or classroom and onto the farm. [Find out everything you need to know on our website!](#)





GROW YOUR OWN POTATOES

[Grow Your Own Potatoes](#)

Our friends at AHDB have launched their [Grow Your Own Potatoes](#) project again this year. This is an exciting, hands-on growing project open to primary schools in England, Scotland and Wales. It teaches children all about potatoes: where they come from, how they grow and how they fit into a healthy balanced diet.

Visit [their website](#) for full details and to sign up for your FREE potato growing kit before **Friday 22 January 2021**.

[3D Printer Competition](#)

Calling all primary schools!

Severn Trent and Leicester City Council have launched a design competition for all schools in Leicester for the chance to win a 3D Printer. To highlight the importance of water, we're asking you to design a water saving device or an object that helps prevent marine pollution.

The overall winner will receive the 3D printer for their school and be able to develop their design into a working object.

Money donated by Severn Trent's Coronavirus Fund was used to buy a 3D printer to produce PPE for local NHS and care workers at hospitals in Leicester during the COVID-19 crisis and the printer is now kindly being donated to the city.

Download entry forms from the [Schools' Extranet](#).

Deadline for entries: 5pm on Friday 1 January 2021.

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Design Brief

The design needs to be either:

- a water saving device
- an object that can help to prevent marine pollution (including plastic pollution)
- An object to help with sewage

Include a description of what the object is and how it works

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Competition poster

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Why attend?

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- **Learn more about the Let's Go Zero 2030 campaign** to make schools carbon zero

Who would benefit from this course?

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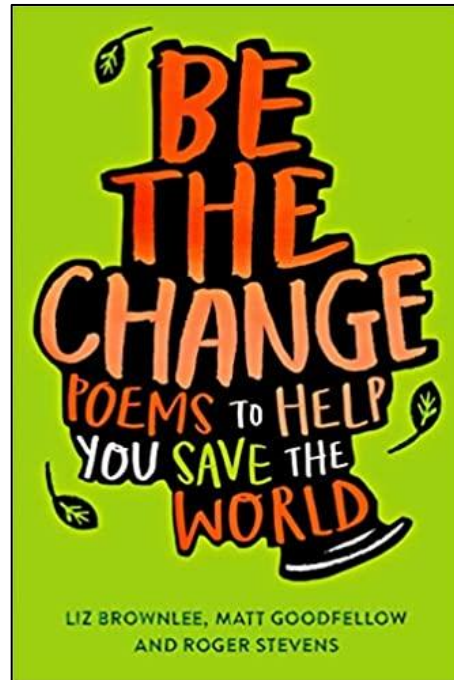
[Whatever it takes to take climate action - poetry competition](#)

Inspired by the brilliant poems in the collection 'Be the Change' and the ideas of poets Matt Goodfellow, Liz Brownlee and Roger Stevens, the team at Whatever it Takes has joined forces with Environmental Education Leicester and would like to invite you to enter our amazing poetry competition.

Throughout Climate Action Fortnight, you have been learning all about environmental issues and ways that you can **be the change**. You have heard from some great speakers about these topics and taken part in some activities. You may also have formed some important ideas and opinions of your own. Sometimes a great way to express these thoughts is through poetry and that's just what we would like you to do!

Closing date for entries is Friday 18 December. Winners will be announced on Friday 15 January.

For more details visit the extranet [Competitions Page](#)



Practical ACTION

[Practical Action Announcement](#)

Unfortunately, in common with many charities, Practical Action are facing some difficult financial challenges. Whilst fortunate in comparison to many others, difficult decisions have been made. Unfortunately, one of those is to close Practical Action's Development Education unit at the end of March 2021.

They are keen to ensure that the [education resources](#) will be accessible for many years to come, and are pleased to be able to reassure you that they will continue to be hosted on the website.

The STEM Matters newsletter will continue until February, after that you can keep up to date with Practical Action's fabulous work by signing up to the [Small Talk newsletter](#).

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