



Your Guide to Polli:Gen

Polli:Nation for the Next Generation (Polli:Gen)

Do you want to take part in a, school grounds based, environmental education project being delivered in Leicester city? This programme will teach children about the importance of pollinators and connect them with nature. It aims to make Leicester the most pollinator-friendly city in England.



An exciting new project!

Funding is available to support 24 Leicester schools where children will learn about their local natural heritage and utilise newly developed resources to learn about pollinating insects, surveying techniques, habitat creation, restoration, and maintenance to create pollinator friendly school grounds.

Schools will be given a grant of £750 and have the support of an expert in-school Project Officer to help take learning outside, and help pupils make a commitment to environmental stewardship by ensuring that the changes they make are sustained for at least 2 years.

Throughout the life of the programme, children will be encouraged to lead change in their local community by engaging their families, local community groups and gardeners.

Timeline of the Project

- Applications are open until Friday 19th March 2021
- Followed by shortlisting on Monday 22nd March
- Successful schools will be contacted by Friday 26th March.
- This project will run from April 2021-December 2021

Who is delivering this project?

Learning through Landscapes is a charity deeply committed to its vision of creating a society where the benefits of spending regular time outdoors are valued and appreciated. We believe that outdoor learning, play and connection with nature are fundamental parts of education, at every stage, for every child and young person.



The Environmental Education Team at **Leicester City Council** will provide invaluable knowledge and support in school recruitment and delivery of the Polli:Gen programme in line with their goals towards environmental and sustainable education in the city.

The Wildlife Gardening Forum will provide specialist knowledge and support schools with links to community focused gardening.

How will this programme benefit pupils?

The findings from a recent school grounds learning programme delivered by Learning through Landscapes demonstrated measurable **increases in the physical activity of children**, a notable **increase in academic knowledge** and understanding of the programme's core subjects. Here are some of the statistics we gathered:

- 51% Increase in correct answers to knowledge tests about climate change. Increasing from 30% .
- 36% participants increased their frequency of physical activity by the end of the programme.
- 47 different ethnic backgrounds participated, of whom more than a third were eligible for Free School Meals – more than double the national average.

To apply for the programme click [HERE](#)
If you would like any further information: Email: polligen@ltl.org.uk

