

Welcome to the **May Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin**. We have lots of activities taking place in the next few weeks and really pleased to say we are starting to deliver some workshops and activities face to face in school.

We are coming to the end of our Litter Less Campaign including a great virtual newsroom at the end of the month, and launching our Polli:Nation work – so keep an eye out for the updates in our **next eBulletin**.

Finally, our team got to meet face to face a couple of weeks ago – we thought you might like to see our faces!



Upcoming events and competitions:

- [#EcoTeachMeet](#) – Nether Hall School, Wednesday 5 May, 4.00 – 5.30pm
- [Carbon Literacy Training](#) – Online, commencing Monday 10 May 4.30 – 6.30pm for three weeks
- **Litter Less newsroom** – Online, Friday 28 May 11.00am - 2.00pm via [our Facebook page](#)
- [Beat the Street competition](#) – city-wide, 26 May – 7 July
- [Summer Reading Challenge workshops](#) - in school, Monday 7 June – Friday 2 July 2021 [now fully booked]

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

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Follow us on Social Media

The Environmental Education Team have their own social media channels where you can keep up to date with all things sustainability in schools.

We also have a new Facebook page. Give us a follow!



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[The Ink Bin](#)

We have joined up with the Ink Bin to recycling ink cartridges and raise funds for your school. We have 40 collection bins which will be distributed to schools throughout Leicester City on a first come, first served basis. To participate please complete this [eForm](#) as soon as possible. Once the bin is full, they arrange collection and the recycling shall begin.

Frequently asked questions are available on the [Ink Bin website FAQ](#) pages. This scheme is only for ink cartridges, not toners. If you have toners to recycle there is further information on the [Ink Bin website](#).



Helipads For Hospitals

Please consider donating empty fizzy drinks cans (not food cans) to the [Helipads For Hospitals appeal](#). The cans will be melted down to provide raw materials to build an air ambulance landing pad on the roof of Leicester Royal Infirmary. Send unsquashed cans in boxes to Sarah Tovey, Can recycling, The Post Room, Pilot House, King Street, Leicester

LE1 1RN. You can also send donations by the internal post or drop off directly at the post room.

Climate Emergency Declarations



Leicester City Council declared a climate emergency in February 2019, acknowledging climate change as a serious threat to our world. As part of our Climate Action plan and Salix Finance funding, we are encouraging schools to make their own climate emergency declarations. Give a big hand to Caldecote Community Primary School for creating their own plan in April, which they have posted on [their news feed](#)!

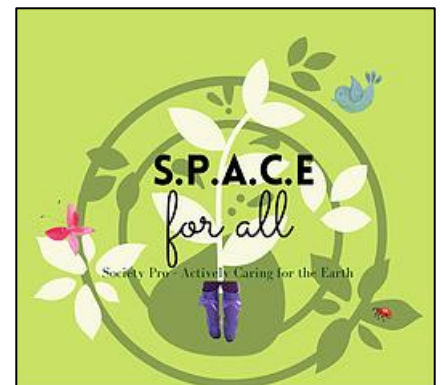
These targeted action plans also tie in with the Let's Go Zero campaign, which is encouraging all schools to make a commitment and strategy to reducing their carbon emissions to zero by 2030.

To find out more about this ongoing campaign and find out how your school can get involved, visit the [Let's Go Zero website](#).

[Society Pro-Actively Caring for the Earth \(SPACE\)](#)

Local students from the Sustainable Six group at Jameah Girls Academy have started an initiative called Society Pro-Actively Caring for the Earth (SPACE). With the aim to raise awareness of climate change and promote sustainable living, these young entrepreneurs are using their talent in making quality pen pots out of 100% recycled materials to positively impact the Earth by supporting responsible consumption and reducing waste in people's daily lives.

Visit the [SPACE online shop](#) to buy a sustainable pen pot for just £1.50, and join their community of environmentally aware customers. Each pot is packaged in a hand-designed paper bag. If you have any questions, you can also contact Sustainable Six at 0116 262 7745.



Carbon Literacy Training - Staff and Governors

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 to deliver their own course back in school. Following the success of our recent virtual courses we are hosting another starting in May 2021 on the following dates:

- Monday 10 May, Monday 17 May, Monday 24 May, 4.30 – 6.30 pm
(You must attend all sessions to pass)

Your commitments

- Attend all three training online training events in May 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 workplace, 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)

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

Virtual Carbon Literacy Training for School Staff, Governors & Trustees

Carbon Literacy Project

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Training: Mondays 10, 17 and 24 May 2021
4.30-6.30pm each day (you need to attend all 3 sessions to pass)

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 8.



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

Your commitments

- Attend all three training online training events in January/February 2021
- Complete feedback about your experience
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COG Youth Services school recycling ambassadors

CALLING ALL SCHOOLS in Leicester and Leicestershire

COG Youth Services is keen to get schools across Leicester and Leicestershire recycling more. Join them on their epic quest to recycle more plastic than ever!

Schools are invited to become ambassadors of recycling for either writing instruments (pens, highlighters, correction fluid pots) or oral care (toothbrushes and toothbrush heads, toothpaste packaging). To apply, the only criteria is that you must:

- be a school or other educational establishment, based in Leicester or Leicestershire
- have a staff member that will act as the liaison for the project
- agree to collect at least one of the items listed, and
- be able to ensure only appropriate items are donated.

The scheme is completely free to join and start collecting items, and collections from schools in Leicester and Leicestershire are free, too! COG Youth Services recycles the items through Terracycle, with all the proceeds they earn going towards their support of youth groups across Leicester and Leicestershire.

To find out more about the scheme and sign up, [visit the COG Youth website](#).

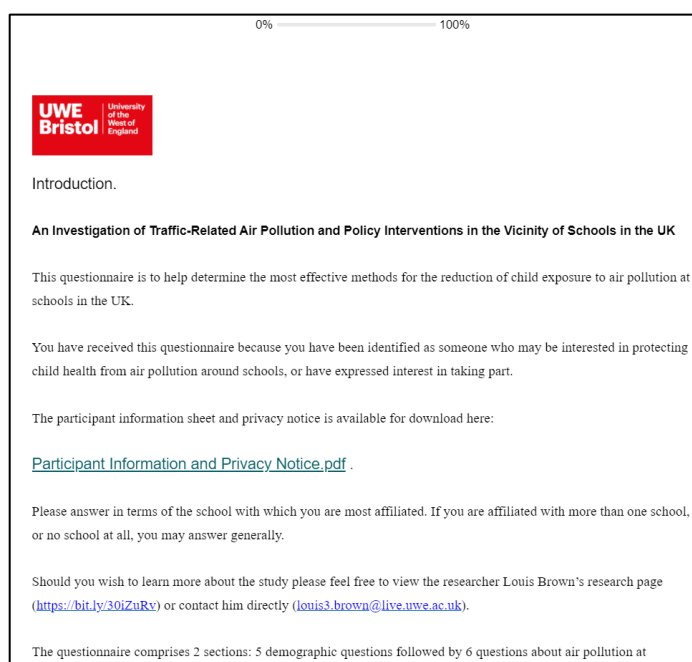
[National Air Pollution and Schools Survey](#)

A PhD study at the University of the West of England is looking into traffic-related air pollution and policy interventions in the vicinity of schools in the UK. If you are interested in protecting child health from the effects of air pollution, they need your help! Complete the online [questionnaire](#) to give your valuable opinions and help collect data that will help to develop strategies to reduce child exposure to harmful air pollution.

The survey takes only a few minutes to complete, is entirely anonymous, and no personal or identifiable information will be requested or recorded at any point.

When you're done, remember to also share the study with relevant parties (such as staff, in-school newsletters, noticeboards, via social media, and to parents, teachers and governors), as the more interested parties that participate, the better!

To learn more about the background of this PhD, you can visit the UWE [website](#).



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UWE Bristol University of the West of England

Introduction.

An Investigation of Traffic-Related Air Pollution and Policy Interventions in the Vicinity of Schools in the UK

This questionnaire is to help determine the most effective methods for the reduction of child exposure to air pollution at schools in the UK.

You have received this questionnaire because you have been identified as someone who may be interested in protecting child health from air pollution around schools, or have expressed interest in taking part.

The participant information sheet and privacy notice is available for download here:

[Participant Information and Privacy Notice.pdf](#).

Please answer in terms of the school with which you are most affiliated. If you are affiliated with more than one school, or no school at all, you may answer generally.

Should you wish to learn more about the study please feel free to view the researcher Louis Brown's research page (<https://bit.ly/30iZuRv>) or contact him directly (louis3.brown@live.uwe.ac.uk).

The questionnaire comprises 2 sections: 5 demographic questions followed by 6 questions about air pollution at



[Globechain – Reuse Marketplace for Business](#)

Globechain is the biggest reuse marketplace online! Unwanted fixtures, furniture and materials from businesses in sectors like construction and retail are listed on the Globechain marketplace and can be requested for free by schools, universities, and charities.

Once an item is listed, an alert is sent out to interested members who can request the item, entirely for free! The organisation listing the item then chooses who will get it and organises the time and date for collection. It is a very simple process that benefits everyone involved.

Reduce waste, create impact - by providing businesses with an easy way to list their spare and unwanted items, Globechain is helping to reduce waste and aid charities, schools and other non-profits in getting items they really need.

So, sign up for Globechain [here](#) to start receiving alerts for the items you need the most!

[Climate Dice](#)



Climate Dice

Our young people are worried about their future and frustrated about their ability to change things in the adult world. This “climate anxiety” is becoming more and more common as the threat of climate change grows. However, young people are also becoming more politically active and vocal on these issues. They are asking to be heard and they are asking for our help.

We’ve developed our own storytelling dice game, #ClimateDice, to talk to children about climate change issues, freeing their imagination to explore without boundaries and empowering them to vocalise their thoughts.

Playing the game is simple. Every dice set has pictures (instead of numbers) on each of the sides. Players take turns to roll the #ClimateDice using the pictures that land face-up to create their own stories. They are in control of the story and can take the conversation wherever their imagination wishes.

The Climate Dice kickstarter is now live! [View the campaign](#) for more information or to back the project. Every pledge, no matter how small, will make a big difference to the lives of others.

[Bite Back School Food Champions](#)

Bite Back 2030 is a new youth-led movement for a healthier, fairer food system. They are working to ensure every young person can have access to a healthy, nutritious diet no matter where they live.

The School Food Champions programme empowers teams of young people aged 11-14 (Key Stage 3) to lead social action campaigns which will make a tangible improvement to the food provision and culture in their schools and in their local communities.

A staff member is expected to lead this activity and will receive training and a financial incentive for doing so; all they have to do is recruit a small team of pupils and deliver a club in the next academic year that drives this project within the school and local area.

Schools must sign up before the end of May for training in the summer term and delivery from September 2021. For more information or to sign up, go to [the School Food Champions website!](#)



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[Great Science Share for Schools](#)

An annual campaign to inspire young people to share their scientific questions with new audiences. Register for the #GreatSciShare beginning 15 Jun for weeks filled with discussion and discovery.

The Great Science Share for Schools is the award-winning campaign that invites 5-14-year olds to share *their* own scientific questions and investigations, to raise the profile of science in schools and communities, and inspire young people into science and engineering.

6 weeks of activities and lessons to stimulate children to ask, investigate and share what they're curious about. End it with a whole school science day, fair or virtual share, using Twitter to reach out to the Great Science Share for Schools community.

This year, Professor Brian Cox, Royal Society Professor of Public Engagement, The University of Manchester will also be hosting a special event on 15 June 2021 which will answer pupils' questions about climate change and the natural world. Once registered, you can submit questions to Professor Cox through [the official online form](#).

Sandfield Close Primary School is creating an exciting video share for the Great Science Share! If you would like to get involved with this or learn more about how Leicester schools can get involved with the Share, please email Sarah Eames at seames@sandfieldclose.leicester.sch.uk.



[CREST Awards](#)

Whether learning at home or in the classroom, there has never been a more important time for students to learn about STEM.

CREST is a nationally recognised scheme for student-led project work in the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and maths). It inspires young people to think and behave like scientists and engineers through a flexible, trusted, and accessible structure.

With six different levels to choose from that each suit different age groups and abilities, there is no better time to start your students' journey through the world of STEM. For more information and to find out more about signing up, [visit the CREST website](#).

CREST entry fees are government subsidised in the UK and start at £1 per student. Where cost is a barrier to entry, funding may be available.



[Gombe 60 Creative Competition](#)

60 years ago, Dr Jane Goodall first set foot at the Gombe Streams National Park to begin her ground-breaking research into the chimpanzees there. Gombe 60 is a worldwide celebration, with Roots & Shoots groups and individuals everywhere inspired and inspiring others to make the changes that will make this planet better for the people, plants and animals that call it home.

The Roots & Shoots team have not one but two special competitions for you to help celebrate. The first is an art competition, and the second is a creative writing competition. Three winners will be picked for each competition who will win up to £50 to spend on art supplies or books. The first-place winners will also receive a personal communication from Dr Jane Goodall herself!

You have until Monday 14 June to enter. To find out the rules and how to submit an entry, visit [the](#)



[Roots & Shoots blog](#). It's fun, creative, and perfect if you're stuck at home!

[Climate Action: Race to Zero Competition](#)



Alongside Gombe 60, the Roots & Shoots team also have another competition to offer - in partnership with Climate Action: Race to Zero, the Climate Force Challenge can help young people finance their innovative environmental projects.

Five winners will get £1,500 by making efforts to cut down on CO₂ within their lifestyles – and here's how:

- REDUCE– this might include reducing electricity usage by turning off lights at school/ home or saving water (and hence energy)
- REUSE– this might include using a re-usable water bottle or coffee cup, tupperware instead of clingfilm, etc.
- RECYCLE– e.g., plastic and glass bottles, cans, textiles, etc. Learn why it is important to recycle properly and how it affects our environment if

we don't.

- PLANT – Individuals can offset their own CO₂ emissions by planting six trees per month. So, green your local area to offset CO₂ emissions!

The deadline is Friday 11 February 2022, and the winners will be announced on 19 February 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Jasmina Georgovska at jasmina@janegoodall.org.uk.

Clean Air Clive's Walking Tour of Leicester

To celebrate Walk Leicester Festival 2021, look at our fun and engaging activities to keep you and your family strolling through May.

Join Clean Air Clive for a discovery voyage on foot! See the streets of Leicester through the eyes of a puppet, explore places you may have never seen before, and have fun trying out some activities too!

[Click here to take part in Clean Air Clive's Walking Tour of Leicester](#)



Living Streets #Walk from Home

Walking with your family has never been more FUN! Living Streets have created 14 sets of colourful and educational walking activities to support children in their learning while staying active. Activity sheets include "I Spy", "On my walk I saw", Scavenger Hunt and much more for you to take part in from your doorstep! To access the activity sheets, take a look at the [family resource booklet](#) and the [Family I Spy Sheet \(PDF, 170 KB\)](#).

May is Living Streets' National Walking Month. To find out more information, head over to [Living Streets' National Walking Month Webpage](#) and take a look at their Try20 tips to help you fit 20 minutes of walking into your day.

Quiz Trails

Have a go at our fun [quiz trails](#) ideal for adults and children, taking you through Clarendon Park, Castle Gardens and Leicester's West End to discover more about the city we love.

Walk to School Week

Living Streets five-day walking challenge is back, 17-21 May 2021! Aimed at primary schools, Walk to School Week is a fun and engaging challenge, raising awareness, and celebrating walking for all. Walking to school can provide the following benefits to you and your child:

- Quality family time - the chance to connect at the start and end of the day.
- Using the car less reduces emissions and can help improve air quality.
- Daily exercise - walking to school is a great way for all the family to be active.



Take the opportunity to celebrate these benefits by walking to school this week!

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