

Dear colleague,

This is an exciting special edition eBulletin for the Leicester Great Big Green Week schools' festival that will be taking place between **Saturday 18 and Sunday 26 September 2021**. [Great Big Green Week](#) is a national week of events celebrating action on climate change. With funding received from The Climate Coalition (which we found out about on Friday!) **the festival will celebrate and encourage a call for action for our green spaces in the run-up to COP26 in Glasgow.**

The environmental education team have a lot to offer to schools during the festival, so read on to find out how you and your students can get involved!

- **Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Letter Competition** – this will take place over the summer, with winners announced during the week – *further details out later this week*
- **Mini grants for schools** – use funding to carry out an event during the week (between Saturday 18 and Sunday 26 September 2021), funding will be on a rolling programme, but first deadline is 4 July 2021 for us to consider funding requests.
- **Climate Film Festival** - Monday 20 – Thursday 23 September 2021, various films showcasing issues within the natural world.
- **Secondary schools' conference** – Tuesday 21 September 2021 (at City Hall, or virtual – to be confirmed in late August).
- **Litter Pick and Climate March** – Friday 24 September 2021.
- **Great Big Green Week Newsroom** – taking place after the week to celebrate all the amazing work, online via the Facebook page.

These events are open to all schools in Leicester City and our traded services schools in Leicestershire.

Want to find out more before you sign up?

We will be running two webinars on Microsoft Teams about the Great Big Green Week to give you more information and allow you to ask questions, each will be about 30 minutes (same information in both).

Use the links to the right to join – no sign up required!

Friday 18 June 2021 webinar :
3pm – [Join here](#)

Monday 21 June webinar at
4:30pm – [Join here](#)

Secondary schools' conference



We are giving secondary school students (KS3-KS5) the opportunity to reflect on some of the issues affecting us by climate change!

On **Tuesday 21 September**, students from all over Leicestershire can come together to attend a conference set up to discuss the environment and policies put in place to protect it. There will also be several speakers that will share their expertise! The plan is to hold the event at City Hall in Leicester city centre, but we are also planning virtual provisions. An update will be provided at the end of August 2021.

We are especially interested to hear from schools that have not previously engaged in this type of event, so sign up using [the official eForm](#) if you would like to get your students involved in climate discussions!

Mini grants for schools



One of the key themes of Great Big Green Week is getting more people involved in climate action.

That's why we are offering sixty £100 mini grants to schools in Leicester to organise their own events during Great Big Green Week! Use your mini grant to bring your bright ideas to life to engage your school community in protecting their local environment during the Leicester Great Big Green Week festival.

Watch the [Climate Coalition training video](#) online to help if you're stuck for ideas, or feel free to contact environmental partners that you already work with.

If you would like to apply for a mini grant, please fill out [the official eForm](#) as soon as possible – it only takes a couple of minutes!

We will be reviewing application on a rolling basis starting on Monday 5 July, please submit by 4 July to be considered in the first round.

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Letter Competition



What will the environment look like in 30 years? That's what we're asking school students to think about in an upcoming Letters to the Future competition in partnership with Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots campaign. We want children and young people write to an adult of their choice to describe what they think future will look like in 2050. With further details of the competition to be released soon, there are plans to announce the winner during the Great Big Green Week festival, with fantastic Jane Goodall prizes up for grabs!

Please note that your school will need to sign up to the Jane Goodall's Roots and Shoots programme to participate in this competition when it begins – you can do that [on their website](#), and it's completely free.

We'll be emailing further details about this later in the week – once they are finalised

Climate Film Festival

School children and their parents are invited to attend a climate film festival at [Phoenix Cinema](#).

From Monday 20 –Thursday 23 September 2021, various films showcasing issues within the natural world will be shown at the venue to inspire an appreciation for the environment and encourage lobbying action.

Information about tickets will be released in the near future, so keep your eyes peeled for further communications!



Litter Pick and Climate March – Friday 24 September 2021

Ready to make some noise about the environment? Want to help make a real difference in your area? Then join in with our school's litter pick and climate march on Friday 24 September 2021!



The morning will start off with a litter pick in and around your school's local grounds, and then lead into a climate march from around 12 noon at Abbey Park. The plan is to get the people in power to listen to the importance of our environment, and urge them to protect it.

A drone camera will be present on the day to take aerial photographs that will show just how many students of Leicester schools care about this issue, and literally send a message by spelling out the words with people!

If you are interested in this event, please sign up using [the official eForm](#).

Great Big Green Week Newsroom – following Great Big Green Week



To wrap everything up, we will be holding another Newsroom on [our Facebook page](#) the week after the Great Big Green Week festival.

In partnership with Documentary Media Centre, we will be celebrating the impacts of events during the week and hearing from many of the people involved in live interviews. Stay tuned for more details about this live event – if you listened in to the Litter Less newsroom, you'll know it's not to be missed!

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