

Dear colleague,

Welcome to the **December Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin**. As we start to feel the cold snaps and the holiday season draws near, we hope you are keeping cosy! Last month, the COP26/Eco-Schools Roadshows came around to several Leicester schools. There will be a full write up in the January newsletter. Thank you to all those schools involved.

December marks the end of delivery on the Polli:Gen project, with sessions fast approaching to celebrate the knowledge gained throughout the year. We have really enjoyed working with the Polli:Gen team at Learning through Landscapes to deliver such informative sessions and make incredible changes to school grounds, from ponds to planters!

We also welcome Molly Laycock our new Assistant Project Officer to the team, who is working on the fantastic Saving the Saffron Brook project. Keep your eyes peeled for further updates around the project and the activities it will be bringing to local schools!



### Upcoming events and competitions:

- **World Soil Day** - Sunday 5 December 2021
- **Eco-Schools Training session 2** - Friday 14 January 2022 at 1:00-3:30pm  
[Sign up here](#)
- **Fairtrade Fortnight Virtual Assembly** - Monday 21 February 2022, 1:00pm
- **#EcoTeachMeet** - Monday 21 February 2022, 4:00-5:30pm
- **World Wildlife Day** - Thursday 3 March 2022

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



### The Climate Coalition Giant Christmas Card

This year climate action is at the top of The Climate Coalition's list. But just writing it on a wish list isn't enough. We need to keep the pressure on the people in power to make sure the promises they made at COP26 are put into action!

They are calling on Prime Minister Boris Johnson to deliver on his promises. Can you help them keep up the pressure? Get involved by adding your name to the giant Christmas card that will be hand delivered to 10 Downing Street on Wednesday 15 December. To sign your name or find out how to send your own card, visit [The Climate Coalition website](#).

## Young Tree Champions programme

Applications for The Tree Council's Young Tree Champions programme are now open!

Are you ready to take action to tackle the climate and nature crises? Then APPLY NOW and be a Force for Nature.

When you join the Young Tree Champions programme, delivered in partnership with M&G plc, your school will receive an amazing package of free resources to help you deliver a project that will have a real impact - both in your school and beyond! This includes free wildlife-enhancing and carbon-storing tree packs for you to plant with your students, greening and beautifying your school grounds for generations to come.



**The deadline for applications is 6pm Thursday 20 January 2022.** Head to [The Tree Council website](#) now to find out more and start your application, or watch the free webinar on Thursday 2 December 2021, 4:30pm to 5:30pm by signing up on [the event website](#).

## Eco-Schools Training Session 2

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**If the answer to any of these questions is “Yes”, then come along and find out more!**

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Join the free training course on Friday 14 January 2022, 1.30-3.30pm at Uplands Infant School (Attenborough Learning Trust Training Room) by signing up on [the official eForm](#). This training is open to both attendees of the first training session and those who did not attend. There will be another in-person follow up on Monday 9 May 2022.

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Who would benefit from this course?  
Eco-leads and all school staff with an interest in environmental education - heads, deputy heads, assistant heads, classroom teachers, TAs, support staff, premises officers, business managers and governors/trustees.

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# Practical ACTION

## [Practical Action for Schools Resources](#)

This term, introduce your students to the Sustainable Development Goals that play a vital role in tackling the climate crisis. Plus, meet the Peruvian school taking the harvest into their own hands, and our climate heroes who are making everyday changes where they live.

Visit [the Practical Action website](#) to view their latest resources, including a fun, interactive classroom activity that helps pupils understand the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their inter connectivity. Alongside this, take learning further with real-world stories, such as the Peruvian school that created a glorious on-site garden and greenhouse, resulting in fresh produce and delicious meals for its students. There is a lot of free content to discover, so go and check it out!

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## [Natures Climate Heroes](#)

The Wildlife Trust has released a new educational guide for 7 – 11 year olds to learn about how nature can help tackle the climate crisis.

The inquiry-based learning resource pack aims to help teachers by:

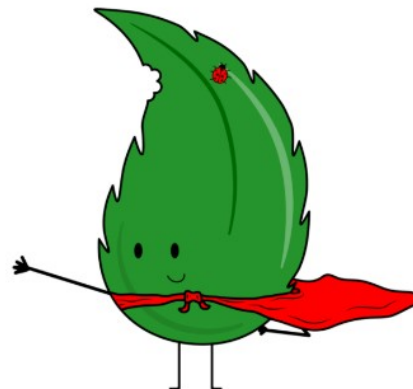
- Changing the focus of climate change from a scary and overwhelming subject to something that can be tackled through collective action.
- Providing teachers with a structured and comprehensive guide to deliver lessons about how human activities are connected to the changing climate, and why the restoration of nature is fundamental to our future.
- Empowering children to take small but collectively significant actions in their communities.

It's designed to support children to:

- Understand the connections between nature, climate change and people.
- Investigate how nature helps our fight against climate change.
- Discover what small and local actions can be taken to give nature a boost in this bigger fight.

To order a copy of the pack, go to [the Wildlife Trust website](#).

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### LLEP Youth Action Group

Leicester & Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership (LLEP) are recruiting a Youth Advisory Group (YAG), for the LLEP Careers Hub! They are looking for a diverse and representative group of young people, aged 16 and over, to add value at the heart of The LLEP Careers Hub. The YAG will lead creative and effective projects linked to our Bright Green Futures Initiative. There will be a series of opportunities for YAG members to engage and influence the network, while gaining valuable experience and transferable employability skills.

The recruitment and management of the group will be Supported by the LLEP Careers Hub, local engagement company Cloud Artisans and Upstart Projects - A charity championing youth voice and leadership. They are looking for approximately 12-15 Young People aged 16 and over. This will be done by nominations from schools and youth organisations.

An information drop-in session for careers leaders and young people will take place on Zoom on Monday 13 December at 3.30pm. Please use [this link to join the webinar!](#)

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### [Christmas Jumper Swap Shop 2021 – Leicester City Council](#)

**There are more than 65 million Christmas jumpers in UK homes. Over 12 million are sold every year! Many are only worn once. Nearly all Christmas jumpers contain plastic.**

We have designed a campaign to reduce the number of new jumpers bought specifically for Christmas jumper day and reduce the amount of clothing waste as staff and pupils will keep for next year. **Participate in December 2021.**

Find out more and how to participate on the [schools' extranet page](#).



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### [Schools vs. Climate Change - represent your school, score green goals, play for the planet!](#)



The most impactful action a school can take for the planet, is to engage and inspire it's pupils and community.

Schools vs. Climate Change is a national schools competition ran by Planet Super League to raise awareness of climate action, whilst having fun and scoring green goals. The aim of the competition is to educate pupils and their families to reduce their carbon footprint, as they represent their school and compete to be the Schools vs. Climate Change champions. Planet Super League work with more than 50 professional football clubs to promote climate action in a fun, competitive way.

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There are over 100 activities to choose from on the Planet Super League website, that can be completed as an individual, as a class or at home, these include:

- Youth Voice - encouraging pupils to have their say on climate
- Meat free meals - Visit the PSL kitchen for recipe ideas.
- Leg Power - Encouraging active travel to school.

Every activity completed will score green goals and help your school climb the league table.

**When is the Schools v Climate Change competition?** Monday 10th January 2022 - Sunday 20th February 2022 (6 weeks)

#### **How does my school get involved?**

- Visit [planetsuperleague.com/schools](https://planetsuperleague.com/schools)
- Download the letter to parents template, assembly, guidance and classroom packs free of charge to use as you wish
- Promote the opportunity to children and staff through an assembly and encourage them to sign up at home for free
- Complete activities in school as often as you like
- Encourage children to score more goals with their families at home as often as they like
- Watch your school climb the league table and see the impact you are having
- Optional delivery of classroom activities to add value to learning and score more goals

Watch a case study video of [Irthlingborough Junior School](#). For more information contact [schools@psl.football](mailto:schools@psl.football) or see our FAQs and more information at [planetsuperleague.com/schools](https://planetsuperleague.com/schools)

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