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Dear friends of ECO-UNESCO,

Director's Message



Welcome to our monthly e-bulletin, packed full of updates from our winter programme of events, activities and trainings.

Earlier this month we ran an innovative transnational Environmental Youth Summit, the second meeting of the Youth for the Future project. Over 50 young people from across Europe attended the 3 day Summit in Dublin where they explored environmental issues and the Sustainable Development Goals, and had an opportunity to engage with experts in these fields. Find out below how they got on and the next steps of the project.

We've been getting excited at the ECO-UNESCO office by the many Young Environmentalist Awards project registrations and can't wait to see how they turn out over the coming weeks. There's been a huge interest so far that we have extended the deadline to register until the 20th of December, so there's still time to get a group together! Find out below how you can enter.

We're also delighted to launch our Youth for Sustainable Development programme in Carlow and Meath/Louth area in the coming weeks! Young people in these areas can now enrol, and we're also seeking volunteers to help with the running of the programme in these areas. Find out below what's involved and how you can sign up.

Our other programmes have also had a busy period of workshops and youth action! I hope you enjoy reading what's been happening in this update. Until next time be sure to keep up to date on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [website](#).

Until next time,
Elaine Nevin
National Director

Young Environmentalist Awards 2018 Registration deadline extended

Young people now have until the 20th of December to register for the Young Environmentalist Awards 2018! The Young Environmentalist Awards is the biggest and longest running eco-action programme in Ireland that recognises and rewards young people who raise awareness of local and global environmental issues and take action to improve the environment.

Groups can register online and receive a free information pack with everything there is to know about running a successful action project! Registered groups have until 16th of February 2018 to carry out their project. [Click here for more information](#) and to register online or contact Ji at yea@ecounesco.ie.

Environmental Youth Summit 2017



Picture: Young people at Youth Summit in Dublin Castle

Earlier in November, we were delighted to run an Environmental Youth Summit for over 50 young people from Ireland, Italy and Armenia in Dublin Castle. The Summit involved 3 days of project work, workshops and discussions, centred on 3 of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

The young people also had the unique opportunity to meet with experts and politicians on the SDGs from the Department for Communications, Climate Action & Environment; Department of Education & Skills; the Green Party; the Environmental Protection Agency, and many more. Following the Summit the young people will turn their attention to carrying out an Action project, putting their learning into practical action for positive change. The project is funded by Leargas and UNIDO.

For more information about the project please [click here](#).

Youth for Sustainable Development planning their YEA projects



It's been another busy month for the young people in the Youth for Sustainable Development (YSD) Programme. Participants in the Dublin YSD group have continued to explore the Sustainable Development Goals and put together action-project ideas.

The older group have been working on a proposal about environmental education, whilst the younger group have now passed the half way point in their initial 12 week YSD training programme.

A delegation of YSD young people also enjoyed attending the NYCI YOUth Summit on Peace, Justice, and the Sustainable Development Goals at the Aviva Stadium run by Concern and NYCI as part of One World Week on 23 November.

Youth for Sustainable Development expanding!

The YSD first regional groups in Carlow and Meath/Louth are taking shape for a Winter launch! Recruitment is now open for participants (15-18) and volunteers (18+) to help facilitate and support the programme.

The new Meath/Louth group will be launching in the Boomerang Café in Drogheda on December 13th at 4.30pm. Anyone interested in volunteering or taking part or who'd like to find out more is welcome to attend. The new Carlow group will also be launching in December.

Contact YSDOutreach@ecunesco.ie for more information, or [click here](#).

Teacher & Student training in December

ECO-UNESCO will deliver a FREE Teacher and Student Training on 8th December in ECO-UNESCO's office in Dublin (9 Burgh Quay, Dublin 2) that aims to give teachers the knowledge and confidence to deliver Education for Sustainable Development in the classroom.

One or two teachers from each school may attend and bring a small group of students. To book or for more information [please click here](#) or contact Triona at yei@ecunesco.ie or call 01 662 5491.

ECO-Choices

The Eco-Choices programme has been busy with recent workshops exploring the relationship between emotional intelligence and international development with young people from Stanhope Street Secondary School! Meanwhile, the Drimnagh Castle group have been seeing how a 'web of life', which interactively shows interconnections in a natural environment, can be adapted to explore interconnections in our communities.





Learning2Change our World regional workshops

A number of schools also took advantage of the pairs of workshops available to schools free of charge. The team visited John Scottus School in County Dublin, Loreto on the Green in Dublin and the Sacred Heart School, Westport. The workshop on Sustainable Development explores the great global challenges of our time especially in the context of personal consumption.

In the run up to Christmas the L2C team begin their big tour of the country visiting Athlone, Galway, Carlow, Wexford, Waterford, Kerry and Donegal to name a few.

If you have any questions about this programme please contact Susie at youth@ecunesco.ie.

Do you want your organisation to be more sustainable?



Earlier this month we delivered a training to Sunbeam House in Bray, the latest organisation to sign up to the [ECO-Sustainability Award](#). The first meeting consists of a preliminary inspection of the premises and some tips and advice on how to improve the organisation's green performance. We wish them the very best in working towards the Bronze Award.

We work with organisations who want to improve their green practices to become more sustainable, by supporting them to achieve an . This is a whole organisation approach to sustainability which recognises organisations for the work that they are doing towards sustainability.

If you or your organisation is interested in taking part in the ECO-Sustainability Award, please contact Niall at (01) 662 5491 or email ysd@ecunesco.ie.

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