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Dear friends of ECO-UNESCO,

Director's Message



I hope you have settled back after the summer break. We're delighted to have launched enrolment for a number of our programmes including the Young Environmentalist Awards and Youth for Sustainable Development. We are also seeking to work with a select number of schools to bring Sustainable Development to schools across the country through workshops, teacher training and new Student Council training. Read on to find out more about the services we offer.

We are also launching a new Transnational Environmental Youth Summit in Dublin this autumn. Find out how this exciting project will prepare future Environmental Youth Leaders in this update. Some of our existing youth leaders have just returned from attending UNESCO's first Man and Biosphere (MAB) Youth Forum in Italy, where they represented the Dublin Bay Biosphere. Read on to find out how they got on.

Looking ahead to the rest of the autumn, we have plenty of events and activities coming up. Until next time be sure to keep up to date on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [website](#).

Until next time,
Elaine Nevin
National Director

Minister Naughten launches the Young Environmentalist Awards 2018





Earlier in September we were delighted to have Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten TD, and young people launch the Young Environmentalist Awards 2018. We're calling all young people aged 10-18 across the whole island of Ireland who want to make a difference, learn new skills, make new friends, and have fun! Register your group online for your free information pack with everything you need to know to get started and run a successful eco-action project!

[Click here for information and to register.](#)

New Environmental Youth Summit this Autumn

This autumn, ECO-UNESCO is hosting an Environmental Youth Summit '*Youth for the Future*', which aims to empower young people with the knowledge and tools they need to influence policy makers of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through structured dialogue. The project kicks off on Saturday 30th of September in Dublin for over 40 young people where they will be meeting with policy makers and experts and prepping for the next 3 day Summit 31st October-2nd November where they will be joined by young people from Italy and Armenia. Keep an eye on our website for further details of the project.

Seeking Global Leaders for Change



Picture: young people from YSD enjoy summer workshops

While the rest of the country was on holidays, participants of the Youth for Sustainable Development (YSD) programme were hard at work. During July and August, YSD participants have explored a broad range of environmental and social justice issues ranging from the impact of mining in developing countries to the Mediterranean Refugee Crisis. Read all about their busy summer of activities by [clicking here](#).

Now Enrolling!

We are currently seeking future Global Youth Leaders for Change as our new 12 week YSD course will begin on Wednesday 4th October in our office in Dublin. During this course,

participants explore a range of topics related to Sustainable Development and Peer Education. This course is ideal for Transition Year students and can be used towards a Gaisce Award! [Click here](#) for information and how to sign up or contact Niall at ysd@ecounesco.ie.

Young people represent Dublin Bay Biosphere at UNESCO Conference



Photo: Philip Manifold, Ruzzelyn Caniel, Leon Gill, Serena Choong (from YSD programme), with Doireann Dunbar and Dave Brooks (ECO-UNESCO)

Four young people, who've participated in our YSD programme, and two members of staff from ECO-UNESCO attended UNESCO's first Man and Biosphere (MAB) Youth Forum in Italy from 18th-22nd of September in the Po Delta Biosphere Reserve. The conference was attended by 300 young people from 96 Biospheres all around the world, and their hard work resulted in recommendations from a youth perspective as to what they feel should be done to enhance individual Biospheres, as well as the regional and global MAB programmes. [Click here for to find out how they got on at the Conference.](#)

Learning2Change our World travelling the country





Photo: Teacher training in Portlaoise

We're just back to school and already the Learning2Change team have already been darting up and down to Cavan delivering 6 workshops in 2 days in Loreto, School, Cavan and in Bailieborough Community School. The students were brilliantly engaged and made the workshops fun and enjoyable for everyone.

Learning2Change Our World promotes Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in secondary schools across Ireland and we are currently enrolling schools for this year's programme. We work in partnership with schools at their school through Workshops to teachers and students, regional teacher training (October dates are listed on our website), and whole school planning all FREE of charge. This year we are also running new Student Council training!

Places are allocated on first come, first serve basis. Please contact Susie for information or to sign up at youth@ecounesco.ie / call 01 662 5491 / or [visit our website](#).

First Green Graduation in Bray

We're extremely proud to congratulate the participants of the Green Skills programme in Bray on their recent graduation. On September 14th we celebrated the completion of the first Youth Employment programme in Common Ground in Bray.

The valuable skills gained on the programme will allow participants to be at the forefront of one of tomorrow's leading sectors and most have already progressed onto employment or further. We wish all of the participants of our Green Skills programmes every success in their future endeavours.



ECO-Clubs

Earlier in September we attended Electric Picnic and had a really fun time with the young eco-festival go-ers. We did nature trails, made crafts out of recycled materials, and even had an under the sea themed photo booth!

It's back to school time and ECO-UNESCO Clubs are no exception. We're delighted to be funded by Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council for our Environmental Action Programme, a 12 week programme with students in Ballinteer Community School and De La Salle College in Churchtown. The students will learn about a variety of environmental issues and each group will plan and carry out an action project of their choice. These projects will address issues that the students have identified in their area and they will seek to raise awareness on the issues.



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