

No Time to Waste!

Environmental Youth Summit

Dublin, Ireland 2018-2019



ECO-UNESCO believes that young people are key actors in society for affecting change. It is crucially important that they feel empowered to take action, as well as given the know-how and opportunities to do so. This is particularly important at this time because of the ongoing implementation of the global goals into policy for the 2030 agenda.

This autumn, ECO-UNESCO, Ireland's environmental education and youth organisation, is launching its Erasmus+ Environmental Youth Project 'No Time to Waste!', 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.

In this project, 50 Young environmentalists (15-18yrs) will participate in the events outlined below, some in places of origin and some in Dublin, where they will explore the environmental issues associated with waste. The centre-piece of the project will be the 3 Day International Youth Summit held in February, where they will have the opportunity to engage with local policy makers, MPs, and MEPs and other key decision makers through structured dialogue.

Throughout the project the young participants will be facilitated to take action themselves and to raise awareness in their local communities thus gaining confidence in their own agency as active citizens. They will have the opportunity to present their projects to their peers at the summit.



Young people taking part in Structured Dialogue at the Environmental Youth Summit 2017



Young people taking part in activities on the 'Final Celebration Day' of the Environmental Youth Summit 2017



This project will focus on 3 Sustainable Development Goals in particular, and as part of the project, participants are currently engaging in workshops to improve their knowledge about waste in the context of these SDGs.





PROJECT OVERVIEW

<p>ACTIVITY 1</p> <p>- Introductory Workshop Introductory active and engaging workshop prepared by ECO-UNESCO to prepare young people for project</p>	<p>Proposed Date: November 2018 Location: In place of origin</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 2</p> <p>- 1 Day Structured Dialogue -Structured Dialogue with politicians, MEPS, experts and key decision makers -Guidance on Action Projects</p>	<p>Proposed Date: 24th November 2018 Location: Dublin, Ireland International partners to attend by webinar</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 3</p> <p>- 3 Day International Youth Summit All participants travel to Dublin for 3 Day summit -Engage with politicians through structured dialogues -Present Action Project updates -Participate in relevant workshops -Enjoy field trips in the Dublin area related to theme</p>	<p>Proposed Date: 18th – 21st February 2019 Location: Dublin</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 4</p> <p>- Day of Action All groups promote their Action Projects within their own communities</p>	<p>Proposed Date: 22nd March 2019 (World Water Day) Location: In place of origin</p>
<p>ACTIVITY 5</p> <p>- Young Environmentalist Awards & Presentation - 1 Day Final Event</p>	<p>Proposed Date: May 2019 (TBC) Location: Dublin</p>