



# ECO-UNESCO'S **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

For Transition Year students

## **PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION:**

- 6 interactive modules.
- In-person and flexible, online delivery options available.
- Self-paced, E-learning delivery option also available through our ECO Academy (12-modules).

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## **An introduction to this Sustainable Development Programme:**

This 6-module course (or 12-module with the E-Learning option) introduces Transition Year students to the topic of sustainable development. During this course, we explore the areas of social and environmental sustainability and help the students and young people to become more confident in understanding the importance of sustainable growth and change of our world to protect both present and future generations on our planet.

We encourage the students to think critically about what they see on news outlets and social media platforms and aim to strengthen their ability to assess the impact of their own habits, with focus on positive solutions and collective action.

## **Programme Objectives:**

This course is completely based on Education for Sustainable Development and aims to develop the critical thinking skills of students, their knowledge in social and environmental sustainability, and increase their confidence in vocalising their opinions in a mature way.

This programme aims to equip young people with the necessary skills, knowledge and motivation to design and implement an environmental or sustainable development action project on completion of this course, if they wish, and are encouraged to enter this project into the Young Environmentalist Awards. ECO-UNESCO's Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA) is an all-Ireland environmental awards programme that recognises and rewards young people who raise environmental awareness and improve the environment.

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## Programme Outline:

- **Preparation:** Teacher training and support for programme facilitation.
- **Module 1 – Introduction to youth and the environment:** Exploring links between youth and sustainable development across Ireland's past, present, and future.
- **Module 2 – Human development:** Do we need or want it? Exploring human needs and human wants and the impact they have on sustainable development in terms of society, the economy and environment.
- **Module 3 – Sustainable Development Goals:** A deep dive into the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- **Module 4 – Our earth, our resources, our waste:** Here we explore the "why" and "what" of waste production and examine the unequal global contribution to waste and the impact which waste can have on people and the planet. We also discuss some low-waste, circular solutions which can reduce wasteful use of resources and contribution to pollution.
- **Module 5 – Advertisements, consumerism and Greenwashing:** Exploring the influence which social media, advertisements, and greenwashing has on our consumer choices.
- **Module 6 – Voicing our opinion:** Class debate and discussion on actions for sustainable development.
- **Next steps - designing your sustainable action project:** Once you have completed the 6 modules in the Sustainable Development programme, you will be provided with an additional workshop called the "6-Steps-To-Success" workshop which introduces your group to good project planning and helps them gain the necessary skills for designing an environmental action project, which they can enter into the Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA) if they wish.

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## Flexible delivery options:

**In-person delivery:** this means our facilitator will attend your group and deliver the workshop in person as an in-school visit. Additional travel costs may also apply. In-person delivery of our 6-module TY programme for sustainable development is only available in certain areas. Contact us to enquire.

**Blended delivery:** this means this programme is provided to your group through flexible, pre-recorded videos and exercise materials which you can progress through at a time that suits you and your busy schedules. All materials are provided ahead of time for the educator to utilize. This option includes a 30-minute, live online session with our facilitator after programme completion to answer any questions your group may have on the topics addressed. This price includes an environmental discount due to carbon savings due to travel.

**E-Learning delivery:** Our E-Learning delivery of our sustainable development programme for TY students is provided through ECO-UNESCO's ECO Academy which provides environmental education at your fingertips. This is a self-paced, interactive, 12-module option which you can facilitate with your group at a time that suits you, with E-Learning and course support available from ECO-UNESCO.

## What our participants have to say:

I learned how everyone in the world is connected to each other one way or another and we all rely on others, often across the globe, for every day things.

This has inspired me to become actively involved and to engage others to learn about and take action on global justice issues as well as use my voice to spread and raise awareness about climate change.

This programme has helped me become more open in the way I think about sustainability and equality in the world

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## Pricing 2022/2023:

Delivery Type:	Cost:	What's included:
<b>In-person school visits</b>	<p>€250 per module + travel costs for our in-school facilitator.</p> <p>= €1,500 + 6 x travel journey costs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free teacher training before the course.</li> <li>• Certificate of completion.</li> <li>• Sustainable development programme manual.</li> <li>• Follow-up support and action project guidance.</li> <li>• Free access to our "6-steps-to-success" environmental action project planning workshop after programme completion.</li> </ul>
<b>Blended Learning</b>	<p>€175 per module.</p> <p>= €1,050 total</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free teacher training before the course.</li> <li>• Certificate of completion.</li> <li>• Sustainable development programme manual.</li> <li>• Follow-up support and action project guidance.</li> <li>• Materials and activities provided in advance.</li> <li>• Free access to our "6-steps-to-success" environmental action project planning workshop after programme completion.</li> <li>• Environmental cost savings from reduced travel.</li> </ul>
<b>E-Learning Platform</b>	<p>Pricing on request. Contact for further information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to ECO-UNESCO's ECO Academy platform.</li> <li>• E-Learning support.</li> <li>• 12 sustainable development topic modules (6 extra modules).</li> <li>• Free teacher training before the course.</li> <li>• Certificate of completion.</li> <li>• Sustainable development programme manual.</li> <li>• Follow-up support and action project guidance.</li> <li>• Free access to our "6-steps-to-success" environmental action project planning workshop after programme completion.</li> <li>• Environmental cost savings from reduced travel.</li> </ul>

**Note:** we also provide a very limited number of these sustainable development programmes as fully-funded options which are available completely free of charge to your school (funded by WWGS). Contact us today for more information.

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