



ECO-UNESCO ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Affiliated to the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA)

MESSAGE FROM

CHAIRPERSON & DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of ECO-UNESCO,

We are very pleased to present this Annual Report outlining our work in 2022.

During 2022, we remained committed to our core work of environmental protection and youth empowerment through environmental action, education and youth programmes and continued to deliver our programmes to ensure we could meet the needs of the young people we work with.

Throughout the year, we continued to engage with thousands of young people, inspiring them to protect our environment using our specialist environmental youth and education approach, in a fun and safe way.

For our Young Environmentalist Awards (YEA 2022), we engaged over 250 groups of young people across Ireland, tackling issues such as climate action, biodiversity loss and pollution. Our annual Young Environmentalist Awards Ceremony took place online. We continued to run our series of ECO-Weeks which reached over 4,000 young people and included online eco-activities and workshops encouraging young people to take action locally.

Throughout the year, we continued to deliver our Youth for Sustainable Development (YSD) programme which provided young people with the knowledge and skills they need to become peer educators and advocates for sustainable development. We continued to run a national programme online, with young people from across Ireland attending weekly sessions.

Our ECO-Choices programme, supported by UBU, continued to enhance young people's health and well-being through environmental education activities, responding to the needs of young people and establishing online support groups.

We provided opportunities for young people to engage directly with politicians and key governmental decision-makers by organising meetings with Ministers and policymakers, and we upskilled and trained young people through a range of accredited and non-accredited training courses.

In 2022, for the third year, we ran the Youth Climate Justice Advocate with support from the DCEDIY. We were delighted to partner up with 3 other youth organisations providing training, workshops and supporting local action projects. We carried out our Youth Climate Justice Survey with over a thousand young people aged 15 – 25 years old, finding out about their concerns about climate change.

We continued our work with UNESCO through its ESDfor2030 international programme, attending ESD workshops online and the World Conference on ESD online.

We would like to acknowledge the collective effort of all the people who are involved with ECO-UNESCO – our funders, participants, young people, board, staff, interns and volunteers who continue to support and deliver our programmes.

We hope you enjoy reading the highlights of our work in 2022 and learn about the positive impact that we have on young people, their peers and their communities both around the country and beyond.

In the future, we will continue to innovate and use our resources in the most effective and efficient ways possible. We will expand our reach, impacting more young people through our high-quality environmental youth programmes.

We look forward to 2023 and to continuing our work to make a real difference in the lives of so many young people.



Niall Jennings
Chairperson
ECO-UNESCO



Elaine Nevin
National Director
ECO-UNESCO

ECO-UNESCO is proud to have been selected as one of the first Sustainable Development Goals Champions by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



ECO-UNESCO endeavours to work towards the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals in every aspect of our work.

As SDG Champions our primary purpose is to raise public awareness of the SDG's, and secondly to illustrate practical ways in which organisations and individuals can contribute to achieving the SDGs, using our practices as an example.

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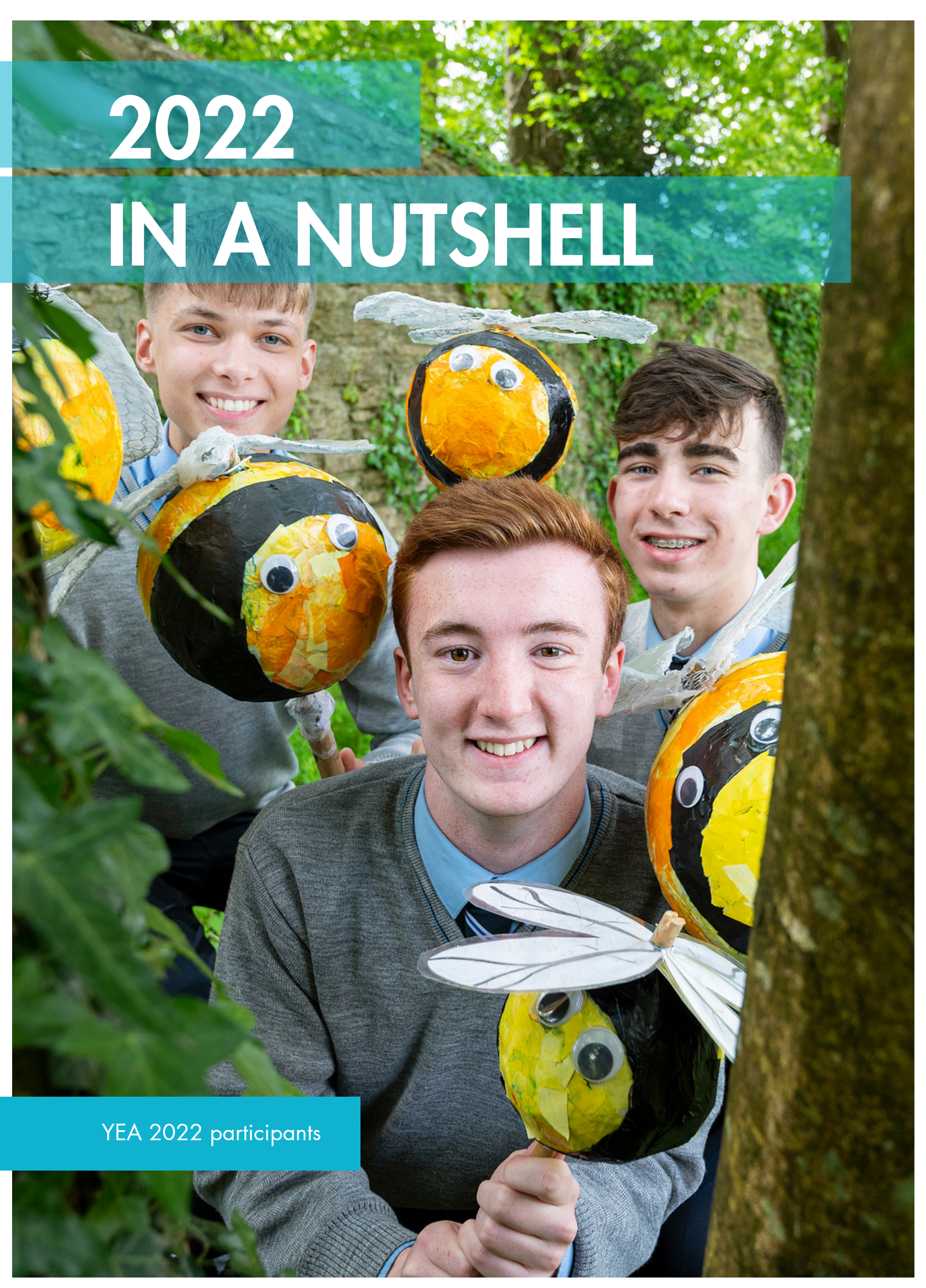
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YEA 2022 participants



THE YEAR IN NUMBERS



Young Environmentalist Awards participant

70,000

PEOPLE REACHED
THROUGH YEA ACTION
PROJECTS

+15,000

PARTICIPANTS

+2,800

YOUNG PEOPLE
THAT TOOK PART IN OUR
WORKSHOPS

+250

PROJECTS
REGISTERED IN
YEA 2022

+150

ENGAGED
IN THE YOUTH FOR
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



FEBRUARY

YOUTH CLIMATE VOICES

ECO-UNESCO commissioned SpunOut.ie to conduct an online survey with young people. The purpose of the survey was to highlight how young people in Ireland felt about climate change and climate justice issues reaching over 1,000 young people.



MARCH/APRIL

YEA ECO-DENS

ECO-UNESCO launched the Young Environmentalist Awards ECO-Dens online. 130 projects from 26 counties were judged by 40+ judges over the course of the ECO-Dens.



APRIL

YOUTH ACTION FOR NATURE AND WELLBEING

In April, we ran our first Youth Action for Nature and Wellbeing event in Dublin with young people from Catalonia, Latvia, Slovakia and Ireland.



MAY

YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST AWARDS & ECO-WEEK

The Young Environmentalist Awards Ceremony took place online as part of our ECO-Week celebration. President, Michael D. Higgins and former President of Ireland Mary Robinson joined us as guests of honour.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



SEPTEMBER

YOUTH CLIMATE JUSTICE ADVOCATE PROGRAMME

ECO-UNESCO launched the Youth Climate Advocate Programme in partnership with 3 youth organisations.



NOVEMBER

ECO-WEEK

ECO-WEEK ran from the 14th-18th of November online during Science Week 2022. There were 4,494 youth engagements in the events. We facilitated a range of educational workshops around the YEA categories including Biodiversity, Climate Action amongst others.



DECEMBER

EARTH GALA

To mark the end of the Climate Justice Programme, we held an Earth Gala in the RDS with Policymakers and Climate Justice participants as part of the Youth Climate Justice Advocate programme.

ABOUT ECO-UNESCO

ECO-UNESCO is Ireland's environmental education and youth organisation that works to empower young people and conserve the environment. ECO-UNESCO is a key partner of UNESCO, is a member of UNESCO's ESDfor2030 Net, and is a QQI-accredited training centre.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

ECO-UNESCO works with young people, educators and youth leaders on environmental projects across Ireland, helping to protect and conserve the environment. Each year our programmes, workshops, events and training programmes inspire environmental action at a local level among young people, their peer groups, communities and beyond.

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

Through our innovative peer education programmes and youth-led events, ECO-UNESCO continuously strives to better achieve our mission of using environmental education as a means of empowering young people and supporting positive personal development.

ECO-UNESCO'S KEY ACTIVITIES 2022

ECO-YOUTH

- Young Environmentalist Awards
- Youth for Sustainable Development and Peer Education Programme
- Environmental youth events, activities and workshops
- ECO-UNESCO Clubs Programme
- ECO-Youth Choices
- Youth Climate Justice Advocate

CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRAINING

- Green Youth Employment programmes
- Information and support provided to educators, youth leaders and young people
- Training, including QQI accredited courses delivered to a wide audience
- Member of the UNESCO ESD Net for 2030 - on Education for Sustainable Development
- ECO-Academy development

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Development of environmental education resources
- ECO-Sustainability Award for organisations
- Representation and advocacy for environmental education and education for Sustainable Development



LINK TO UNESCO

ECO-UNESCO is affiliated with the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA). Founded in 1981, WFUCA is responsible for informing, coordinating and mobilising its members with UNESCO's support and cooperation.

ECO-UNESCO is the WFUCA affiliate in Ireland and supports and coordinates all-island networks of ECO-UNESCO environmental youth clubs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ECO-UNESCO would like to thank all those who contributed to the development of the organisation in 2022 especially all of our members and funders as well as our dedicated staff, interns and volunteers.

BOARD MEMBERS: Niall Jennings, Christina Nolan, Daniel Dockery, Orla McGreal, Vivienne Kelly, Rhona O'Donnell and Mary Gallagher-Cooke.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR: Elaine Nevin

STAFF MEMBERS: Aisling Miller, Alex Marinelli, Alex Konieczka, Anita Nwalo, Aine Keating, Breon Timmons, Ciara Muldoon, Doireann Dunbar, Dunchadh Kinane, Ellen Gearon, Erica Meslin, Ian Nugent, Julie Jones, Kieran Allen, Kayleigh Harris, Oisín Gill, Reesha Kurichiyel, Richard Hennery, Róisín Fitzgerald, Sarah Austin, Vince Harney.

Thanks also to Hugo Dorat, Kate Stuart, Rebecca McDonnell

THE YEAR IN QUOTES



“The Young Environmentalist Awards does so much to encourage, inspire, educate, empower and support young people to act so that they may play their part in our greatest societal challenge, that of climate change.”

– President Michael D. Higgins
Patron of ECO-UNESCO

“I have become more interested in issues related to development and sustainability and have a greater want to take action.
YSD Participant”

— “ I've developed more confidence and became more comfortable talking to adults. I have developed an interest in youth work of some sort due to facilitation practices.
YEA Participant

“ ECO-UNESCO made me believe that I can do things; that small things do make a difference, and that we all can make a difference.
YSD Participant

— ” —

“ It’s a wonderful experience to be given the opportunity to participate in the judging panel at the Young Environmentalist Awards. Listening to and observing the actions taken by young people to protect the environment, enhance their community and raise awareness of key environmental issues, is inspiring. These young people are shining lights for others to follow.
YEA Judge ”

“ I think I am more conscious in my actions and more aware of what I am doing.
YEA Semi-finalist from the Leinster region ”

“ I've met many new people in a safe space and have been able to improve my confidence in making new friends and speaking in front of other people as I've had so much practice. The counsellors have supported me and always give constructive and supportive comments.
ECO Choices Participant ”

— “ —
It made me more confident to interact with new people.
ECO Choices Participant
— ” —

— “ —
Knowing that I was playing my part in a project that I was making the world a greener and better place to live in was my favourite aspect of doing the YEA project.
Student from Carnaross N. S.
— ” —

“ Made me think about my actions towards anything. Everything has an impact on the earth.
YSD Participant ”

AWARDS PROGRAMME

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10-18-years

70,242 IMPACTED IN 2022

250

registered YEA
projects

103

projects were
selected as
semi-finalists

40

judges present
at ECO-Dens
semi-finals

YEA Participants 2022



FUNDERS & SPONSORS

ECO-UNESCO's Young Environmentalist Awards 2022 was supported by the Department of the Environment, Climate, and Communications, the Environmental Protection Agency, and private sponsorship. Funding was also provided by Local Authorities.

YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST AWARDS

ECO-UNESCO continued to recognise and reward the work of young people in environmental protection and conservation through our Awards scheme.



YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST AWARDS (YEA)

In 2022, ECO-UNESCO received 250+ registered project submissions from groups of young people across Ireland. 130 projects attended ECO-Dens, with 40 judges present. This programme has a high impact from an environmental and a youth development perspective with local action projects undertaken in a range of areas, including Biodiversity, Waste, Climate Change, ECO Community Development, ECO-Health & Well-being, among others. Biodiversity (21%), Waste (22%), Water and Marine Life (12%), Climate Change (10%), ECO Art and Design (9%), ECO Health and Well-being (8%), ECO-Community Development (7%) are the categories of most interest to young people in 2022 receiving the highest percentage of project entries.

In addition, the Young Environmentalist Awards had significant reach in 2022, with groups reporting that their projects strongly impacted over 70,000+ people through a range of initiatives, including activities in their local communities, school assemblies, workshops, etc. They indirectly impacted over 250,000+ others through social media, speeches, and other activities and reached over 1.1M others through media, including radio and newspapers.

6 STEPS TO SUCCESS TRAINING

We ran 6 Steps to Success training support, advice services and workshops, delivered across Ireland and hosted a series of trainings in conjunction with the Education Support Centres Ireland (ESCI).

SHOWCASE AND AWARDS CEREMONY

We hosted our annual Young Environmentalist Awards Ceremony online, with over 2,000 people tuning in. On the day, there were 25 winning groups with 3 Overall Awards presented. President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins was the guest of honour for the online Awards Ceremony with a special opening address. Former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, delivered a special closing address to participants.

YOUTH PROGRAMMES

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 10 – 18-years

4,000+

young people
impacted by 3
ECO-Week series

1,720+

participants
reached by
Environmental
Workshops

150+

young people
impacted by the
YSD programme

100+

young people
took part in
ECO-Choices
programme

Youth for Sustainable Development group

Youth Engagement and Empowerment

YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Youth for Sustainable Development (YSD) programme provided young people with the opportunity to engage in quality global citizenship education and education for sustainable development (ESD) activities, empowering them to act as youth leaders and peer educators. In 2022, we worked with over 150 people through the structured peer education programme, local environmental action project work, ECO-Days, Youth Action network, trainings, events, workshops and International Days including World Water Day, Earth Day and the Earth Gala impacting their peers and communities.



We continued to deliver the programme in locations including Dublin, Drogheda and Kildare in collaboration with local youth services and provided training to volunteers and youth leaders and we delivered the programme nationwide through our online YSD programme. We began our Global Conversations initiative liaising with youth groups in Tanzania. We were successful in receiving 3-year multi-annual funding for the programme from Irish Aid.

QQI ACCREDITED TRAINING

In 2022, 31 people engaged in accredited training courses.

YSD PROGRAMME EXPANSION

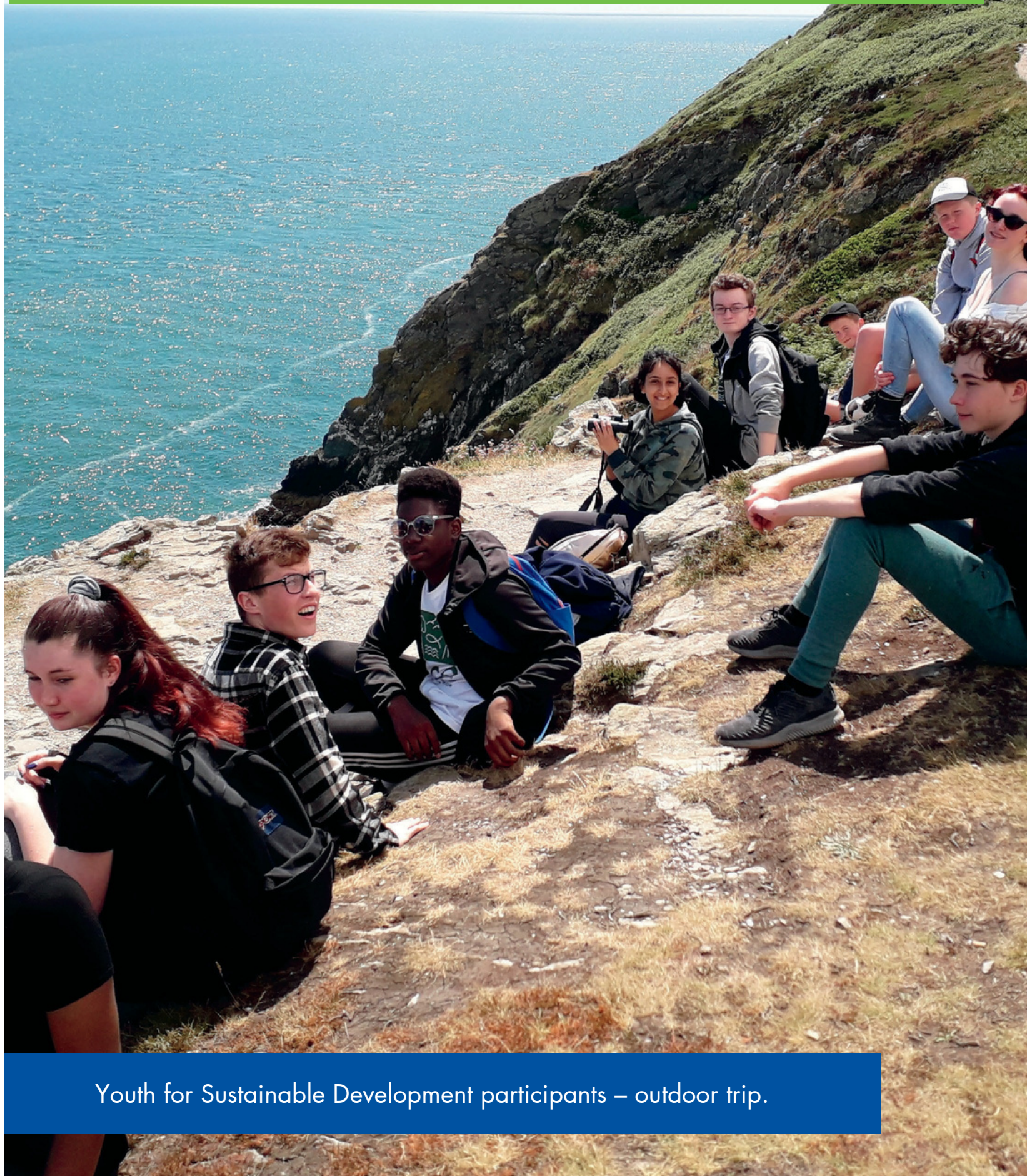
New groups were engaged in Dundalk, Bandon and Kinsale, as well as running multiple online national groups and Dublin groups.



ECO-UNESCO's Youth for Sustainable Development Programme is supported by Irish Aid



ECO-CHOICES HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Youth for Sustainable Development participants – outdoor trip.

ECO-CHOICES HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PROGRAMME

The ECO-Choices Health and Well-Being programme engaged over 100 young people in Dublin City during 2022 through a range of initiatives. This programme uses environmental education methodologies to promote healthier lifestyle choices among young people and included weekly meeting, 1-to-1 sessions, QQI Community Participation training, a series of ECO-Days, residential trips and a range of field trips. ECO-UNESCO developed a collaboration with Ronanstown Youth Service running a weekly environmentally focused programme. ECO-UNESCO continued to roll out the UBU funding scheme for this programme from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

ECO-YOUTH CHOICES PROGRAMME

The ECO-Youth Choices programme is centred around young people in an after-school setting which aims to promote healthier lifestyle choices among at-risk young people through personal/life skills development, environmental methodologies, and outdoor environmental activities.

Due to an increased demand for 1-to-1 welfare checks with participants, the ECO-Choices support programme called "Spill the Tea" continued in 2022. These non-formal sessions provided space for young people to talk about any issues or difficulties they are experiencing with support from their peers and ECO-UNESCO staff. These programmes were carried out with 14 young people.

ACCREDITED TRAINING

61 young people participated in the ECO Choices QQI Accredited Community Development programme.

YOUTH WORKER TRAINING

In 2022, we engaged 12 youth workers in training centres.



YOUTH EVENTS & WORKSHOPS



ECO-UNESCO Young people enjoying an outdoor activity

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS & LEARNING2CHANGE OUR WORLD PROGRAMME

In 2022, we continued to deliver a range of workshops. This included our Learning2Change programme, ad-hoc workshops and a series of ECO-Weeks. Supported by World Wise Global Schools, the Learning2Change programme included the delivery of in-school workshops, student council training and teacher training for teachers and young people. Learning2Change was supported by Irish Aid through the World Wise Global Schools programme. Other workshops included Climate Justice and Action, Exploring Biodiversity, YEA 6-Steps to Success, Waste and Fast Fashion, which reached over 1,220 participants.

In addition, we collaborated with the Climate and Nature Summit and the Intergenerational Justice Conference and reached over 500 participants. In 2022, we ran two ECO-Weeks, online weeks of activities around the Young Environmentalist Awards week and Science Week which reached over 4,000 young people.

ONLINE WORKSHOPS

We developed our online workshops to be delivered in pre-recorded formats with 63 workshops being delivered in this format, reaching 1,224 attendees. Workshops included:

**CLIMATE
ACTION**

BIODIVERSITY

**6 STEPS TO
SUCCESS**

**FAST
FASHION**

WASTE

The Learning 2 Change Our World Programme is supported by World Wise Global Schools.





YOUTH

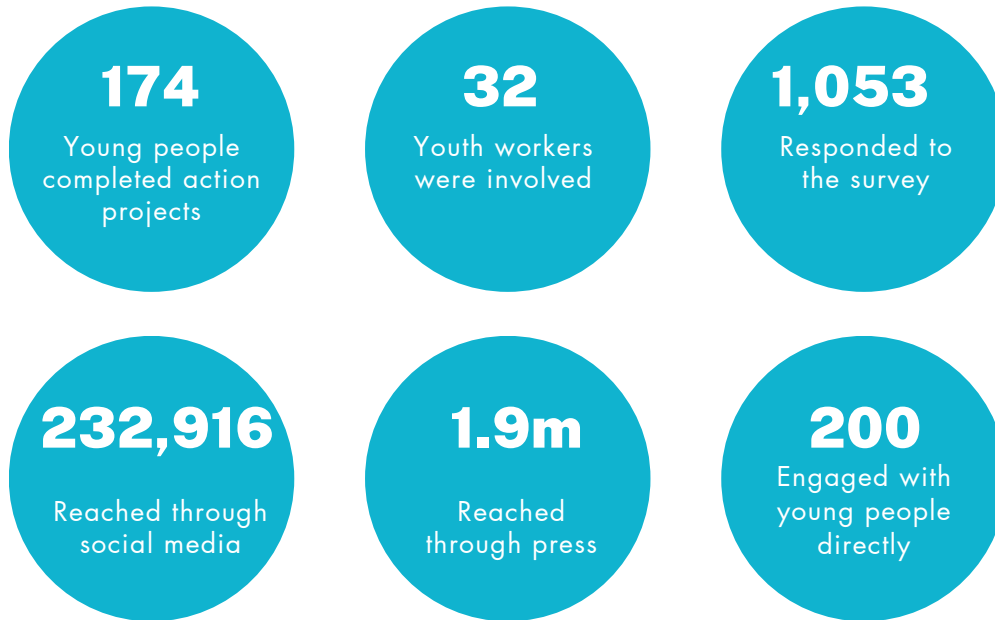
CLIMATE

ADVOCATE

PROGRAMME



THE YOUTH CLIMATE ADVOCATE PROGRAMME



Youth Climate Advocate Programme: In 2022, we led a consortium project of 4 youth organisations, including No Name Clubs, the Young Irish Filmmakers and Feachtas. This was the third year of the programme which was awarded funding by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth under their Youth Climate Justice Fund.

The programme ran successfully and engaged over 200 participants through a range of capacity building workshops, training (youth and youth worker), events, action projects and the Earth Gala event. In addition, over 4,500 were reached through the Climate Justice ECO-Week. Over 2,100 were reached through public events such as COP-ON festival by Concern Worldwide and The Climate Justice Conference by NYCI where ECO-UNESCO held promotional climate justice stalls.

In addition, a second national survey of young people’s opinions on Climate Justice was run, with over 1053 respondents. 232,916 people were reached through ECO-UNESCO social media channels (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter). The Earth Gala received press coverage from various radio stations around Ireland with a total weekly listenership of 1.9 million people (Newstalk, Today FM, Radio Kerry, Midlands 103, Galway Bay).



YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

YOUTH ACTION FOR NATURE & WELL-BEING

In 2022, ECO-UNESCO ran year 2 of the Youth Action for Nature and Well-being programme, a 3-year Erasmus+ funded strategic partnership initiative with 5 organisations across Europe, including Spain, Latvia, Slovakia and Scotland. We ran 3 International Youth Events with over 100 participants and worked on the programme outputs, which included the development of a case study, a toolkit, an Evaluation Tool and an e-learning course.

In 2022, Youth Action for Nature and Wellbeing programme hosted three events in Ireland, Slovakia and Latvia with its European NGO partners. These events were well attended, with active participants' knowledge sharing with active members of the NGO's Gaia Education, Youth For Smile, Resilience, Videcky Parlament Earth, and Ecowellness Counselling. From this, a toolkit was developed, which will launch in August 2023.



GREEN TEEN SUMMER CAMP

The Green Teen Summer Camp is for young people aged between 12 – 16. The programme focuses on developing knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values in young people related to sustainable development and the Sustainable Development Goals.

13 summer camp sessions were run online due to COVID-19 restrictions with 23 participants from Sligo, Cork, Galway, Dublin, Wicklow, and Kerry.

ECO-WEEKS

In 2022, we continued the delivery of the ECO-Week series. A week of online activities and workshops focused on environmental solutions. We ran two ECO-Weeks, online weeks of activities around the Young Environmentalist Awards week and Science Week which reached over 4,000 young people. In December, we hosted an Earth Gala with over 70 young people in attendance.



ECO-WEEK MAY 2022 CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS

A series of sustainability sessions, showcases, and celebrations.

From 24th to the 28th May 2021.



ECO-WEEK NOVEMBER 2022 CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS

A series of sustainability sessions, showcases, and celebrations.

From 14th to the 18th November 2022.



EARTH GALA 2022

The Earth Gala was a fantastic event with Ireland's Experts, Politicians, and Climate Advocate participants and their wonderful projects. This took place on the 5th of December 2022.

TRAINING & UPSKILLING PROGRAMMES

CAPACITY BUILDING



Capacity Building TRAINING PROGRAMME



During 2022 ECO-UNESCO delivered a range of training programmes aimed at upskilling young people and educators. These included accredited and non-accredited training. During the year, ECO-UNESCO worked on re-engagement with Quality and Qualifications Ireland, which included a review of Quality Assurance policies and practices in the organisation.

In 2022 ECO-UNESCO delivered its training programmes to over 200 participants through its Green Youth Employability programme, with support from the Targeted Youth Employability Scheme. Working with 31 asylum seekers through a Summer and Autumn School and its youth leader and educator training it delivered to European teachers from Estonia, Italy, Croatia, Slovakia and Poland; it delivered training to youth workers through its YSD and YEA programmes and its Youth Climate Justice programme as well as its accredited training delivering Community Participation and Peer Education to over 27 young people.

Additionally, support materials were developed and provided, including YEA support materials, YSD Programme Manual, Climate Justice materials, e-magazines and more. We re-designed and updated a range of our resource packs.

Collaboration

COLLABORATIVE WORK

In 2022 continued to collaborate with a range of organisations to reach further audiences and help us achieve our mission and aims.

In 2022 we led a consortium with 4 partner organisations from the Youth Sector under the Youth Climate Advocate programme.

We collaborated with 5 partner organisations across Europe for our Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership.

We collaborated with local and regional youth services in the delivery of our programmes, including Boomerang Café in Drogheda and Ronanstown Youth Service in Dublin, among others.

We continued our collaboration with the network of Education Centres and delivered a range of webinars.

We collaborated with the Irish Sustainable Schools Network through their Climate and Nature Summit

We collaborated on the Intergenerational Justice Conference.

We continue to be a challenge partner of Gaisce the President's Award

We continued our Strategic collaboration with the EPA.

Our work continued to promote the ideals of UNESCO.



Collaboration

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPRESENTATION

MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS

ECO-UNESCO events received substantial coverage in both regional and national media, including print, TV, and radio. ECO-UNESCO's work was promoted through magazines, e-newsletters, external websites, and event guides throughout the year, with a focus on the environmental, youth, and education sectors. We put a lot of work into growing our social media following, with the following results:

NEWSLETTERS & E-MAGAZINES

164,384

visits to ECO-
UNESCO's
website

2,916

new followers
on
social media

+540,000

people reached
on
social media

In 2022, ECO-UNESCO continued to develop its range of resources and publications. Some of the published highlights from 2022 include:

YEA 2022 Finalist booklet

ECO-UNESCO Annual Newsletter 2022 – 2023

Redevelopment of 4 environmental resources; Energy Watchers; What on Earth is Sustainable Development, Creating an ECO-Community Garden; Embracing Diversity

Youth Climate Voices Survey Report 2022

Wide range of informational and marketing material to promote our programmes and educational resources for key environmental days.

PUBLICATIONS

ECO-UNESCO has kept our members, programme users, schools, funders, volunteers, and clubs, among other external stakeholders, up to date with key events and activities through our Annual Newsletter 2022-2023, disseminated in the annual email campaign to over 1,000 schools, Youth Organisations, ETBs, and at all external events. We also produce a monthly E-Magazine for our supporters.

Digital Development

Digital Development

DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT IN 2022

Our Digital Development accelerated once again in 2022 with our youth and capacity-building programmes delivered online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We developed our ECO-Academy, our online e-learning platform, developing courses on the YEA 6 Steps to Success framework. We developed a new online TY Course on Sustainable Development and plan to develop and provide a full suite of courses.

We delivered a full suite of workshops for online delivery, creating both live and pre-recorded workshops on topics of fast fashion, waste, and biodiversity.

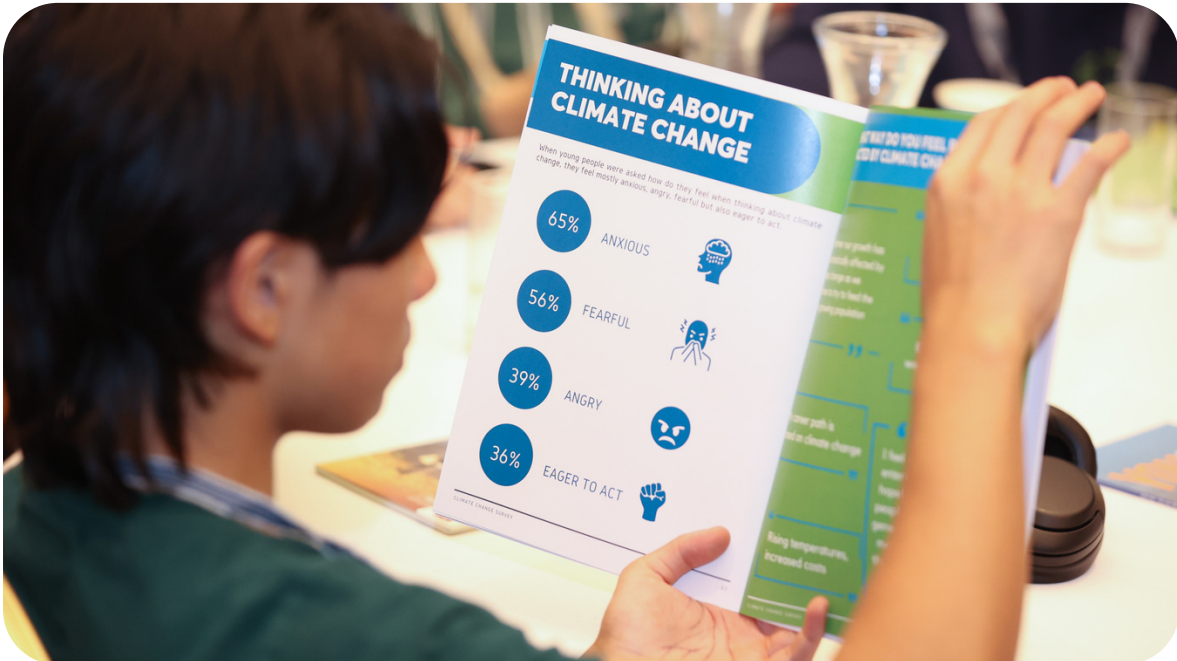


Promoting Innovation

2022 INNOVATIONS

We continued our Strategic partnership with a focus on transformational learning (a core aspect of the UNESCO ESDfor2030 framework) and carried out our third National Youth survey on Climate Change & Climate Justice carried out with over 1,000 young people.

ecunesco.ie/youth-climate-change-survey-2022/



Regional Growth

Promoting Innovation

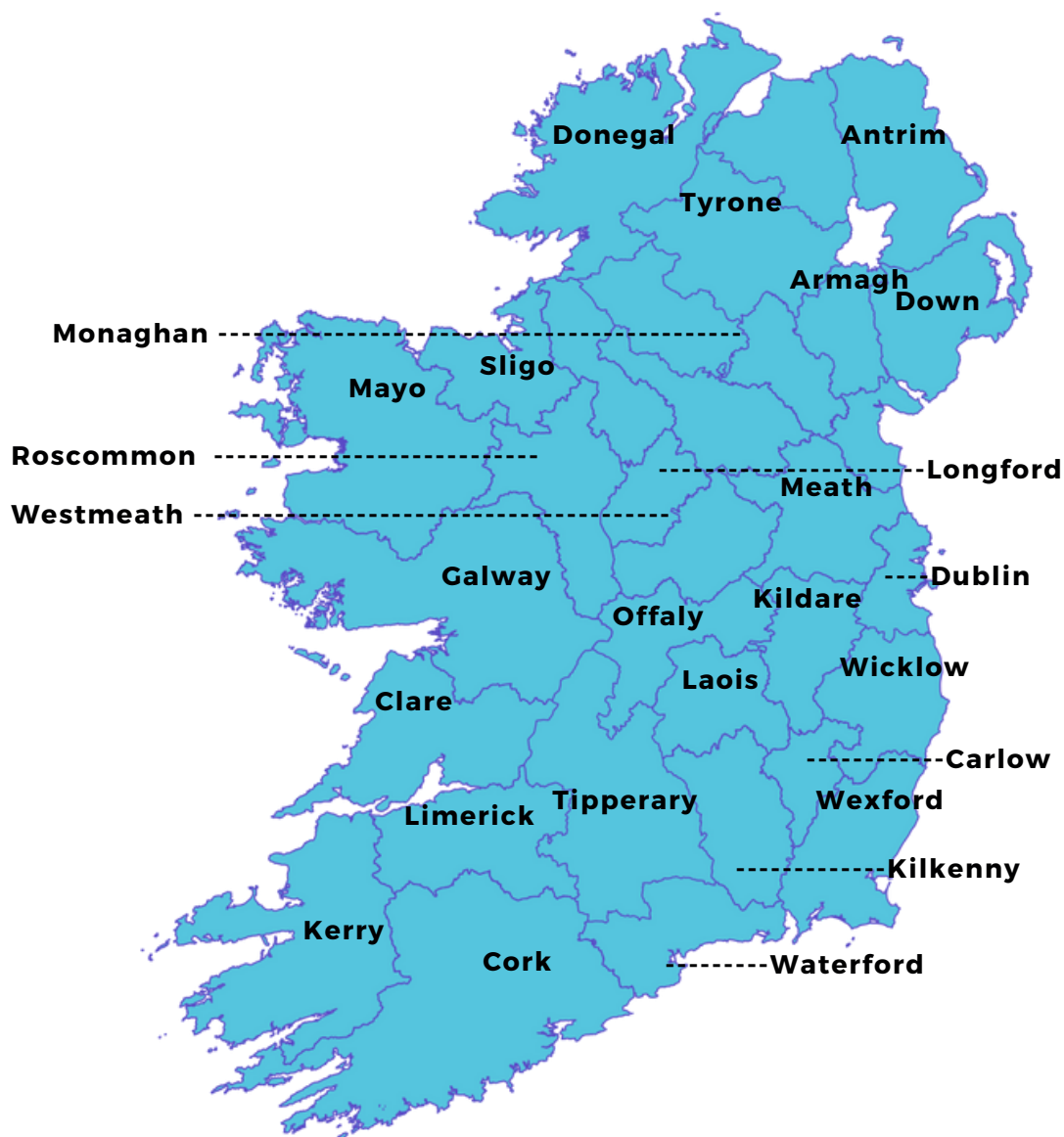
REGIONAL WORK

In 2022 ECO-UNESCO worked with over 15,000 participants through our youth, education, and training programmes.

ECO-UNESCO continued to run its programme across Ireland through our YSD groups, our YEA project groups, workshops and training.

The Youth Action for Nature and Well-being strategic partnership expanded our reach to countries in Europe.

We continued to liaise with UNESCO, attending various attending UNESCO's workshops throughout the year



REPRESENTATION & ADVOCACY

ECO-UNESCO continued to advocate for youth engagement in environmental issues and the importance of education as a tool for achieving sustainability.

During 2022, ECO-UNESCO remained active in the Department of Education and Skills Advisory Group for Education for Sustainable Development and the Environmental Protection Agency Advisory Committee. We worked with Coalition 2030, a coalition of civil society organisations promoting the SDGs, the National Youth Council of Ireland, and the Irish Development Education Association.

We made submissions to the Citizens Assembly on Biodiversity loss and to the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment Climate Action and Sustainable Development senior cycle subject.



Roinn Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe
ar son na hAeráide & Comhshaoil
Department of Communications,
Climate Action & Environment



HOW WE OPERATE



ECO-UNESCO's National Director

FUNDING

We continued strong relationships with funders including Irish Aid through Year 2 of our multi-annual funding for the YSD programme; CDYSB through UBU; DCEDIY with ongoing support for the YSGS and UBU, and additional support through Capital Grant and Youth Climate Justice funding. We secured increased funds from DCCA in 2022 and funds from the Department of Education and Skills. The strategic collaboration with EPA continued.

ECO-UNESCO'S MAIN CORE FUNDING IN 2022

The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration, and Youth (previously the Department of Children and Youth Affairs)

Youth Service Grant

Youth Climate Justice Fund

Youth Capital Grant Funds

City of Dublin Youth Service Board

Targeted Youth Funding Scheme and subsequently UBU Scheme

Youth Capital Grant Fund

Targeted Youth Employability Initiative

Department of Rural and Community Development

The Special Scheme for National Organisations (administered by POBAL)

The Department of the Environment, Climate, and Communications (previously the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment)

Young Environmentalist Awards Support

The Department of Foreign Affairs

Irish Aid Development Education Grant

The Irish Environmental Network

Core Funding Grant

ECO-UNESCO ALSO RECEIVED FUNDING FROM

The Environmental Protection Agency

Local Authorities nationwide; Dublin City Council, Monaghan County Council, Clare County Council, Sligo County Council, and Limerick County Council.

Erasmus+ (administered by Leargás)

ECO-UNESCO RECEIVED A RANGE OF FUNDING RELATED TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS INCLUDING

Worldwise Global Schools (on behalf of Irish Aid)

Concern

Rethink Ireland (through the Innovate Together Fund)

Our Audited Accounts for 2022 are available to download on our website www.ecounesco.ie

GOVERNANCE

ECO-UNESCO is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors made up of members. In 2022, there was a 40/60 male-female gender split among Board Members, with a diversity of appropriate skills in place, ensuring that the board can meet its aims in oversight and policy development.

LIST OF BOARD MEMBERS IN 2022 INCLUDE:

Niall Jennings (Chairperson)

Vivienne Kelly (Treasurer)

Rhona O'Donnell (Secretary Appointed AGM 2022)

Orla McGreal (Resigned, AGM 2022)

Mary Gallagher-Cooke

Daniel Dockery (Resigned, AGM 2022)

Christina Nolan (Resigned, AGM 2022)

In 2022 there were 6 Board meetings held. Additionally, the Board has 2 Sub-Committees an Audit, Risk & Finance, and a Covid-19 Sub Committee, which met in 2022. The AGM took place in August 2022.

Appropriate financial policies and procedures are in place, complying with statutory requirements and ECO-UNESCO's audited accounts are available on our website.

GOVERNANCE CODES

ECO-UNESCO is compliant with the Charities Regulator's Governance Code and reported compliance in 2022. The organisation complies with the Quality Assurance standards from QQI and works within the National Quality Standards Framework for Youth Work and is a signatory to the Dochas code of images.

STRATEGIC PLANNING 2022

Our Strategy is to grow ECO-UNESCO to have a wider and broader impact on the lives of young people (aged 10 – 25). We will do this by focusing on high-impact programmes, training the trainer, forming collaborations, driving innovation, enhancing our digital platform, and publicising our work. A new Strategic Plan is in development.

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