

2026



ECO-UNESCO'S Young Environmentalist Awards



FINAL SHOWCASE INFO PACK

Young Environmentalist Awards Final Showcase & Awards Ceremony

The Final Showcase and Awards Ceremony marks a standout moment in the 2026 Young Environmentalist Awards, bringing together all finalist projects to highlight their remarkable work and honour their achievements. It's a celebration of the passion, innovation and commitment shown by young environmentalists across our island!

We are incredibly proud of everything this year's participants have accomplished and are excited to welcome you to a dynamic day of idea-sharing, learning and well-earned recognition.

Date: Tuesday 12th May, 2026

Time: 10:30am - 3:45pm (Set up & Showcase 10:30am -13:30pm / Award Ceremony 2:00pm - 3:45pm)

Venue: The Concert Hall, Royal Dublin Society (RDS), Merrion Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 AK83. Click [here](#) for Google Maps.



Before The Day

RSVP'ing

Once you know if you can attend, please complete the RSVP [here](#) letting us know a few additional details.

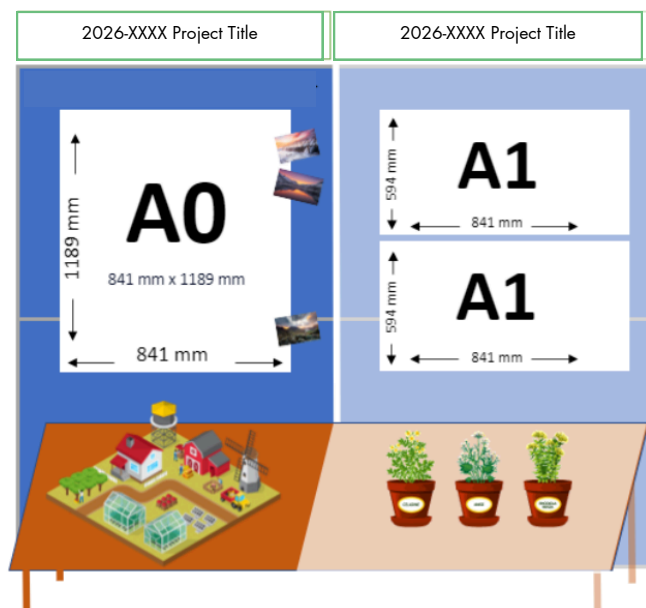
Preparing Your Display

Your display represents your project during Showcase (before the Awards Ceremony). Focus on the key highlights and aim to make it visually engaging and easy to understand.

- Each group will be assigned a specific location on arrival and provided with a display board and table labelled with your project number.
- The display board will be **approximately** 1000mm (width) x 2000mm (height). To fit this space effectively, we recommend preparing materials equivalent to: 1 x A0 or 2 x A1. Please note: Display board dimensions are subject to change, and we will update you if there are any adjustments.

Please note:

- Power outlets will NOT be available at your stand. If you plan to bring any electronic devices, ensure they are fully charged in advance.
- All materials must fit within your allocated display space.



Important

- All groups must be accompanied by a mentor.
- Due to capacity limits, we kindly ask that no more than 8 young people attend per group, unless otherwise agreed with us.



Planning Your Journey

Give yourself a bit of time to organise travel before the event. Where possible, we encourage the use of active travel, public transport, or car sharing if these options are available to you.

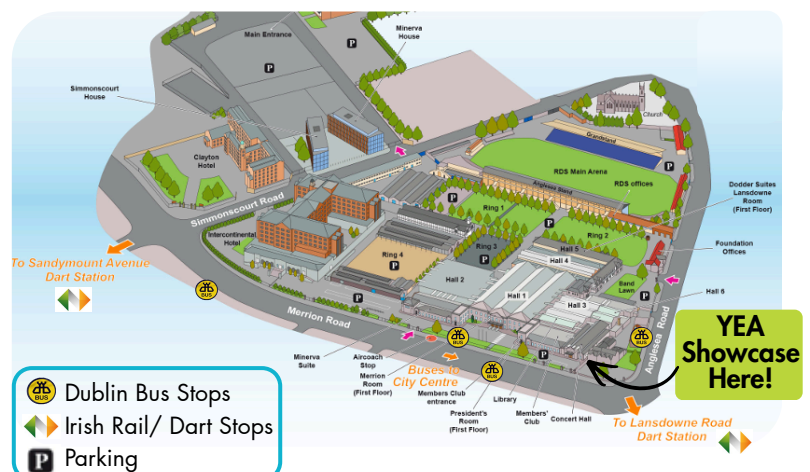
Car- and Buspooling Campaign: To help make travel more sustainable and cost-effective, we encourage you to connect with other finalist organisations (see list [here](#)) to explore opportunities for carpooling or shared transport. If you would like support in reaching out, just let us know!

Car Parking Spaces: Car parks are located at Merrion Road and Anglesea Road from 7:00am to 7:00pm, and cost €10 a day. Please note that car parking at the RDS is limited, and that opening hours and availability may change depending on events at the venue. For more information, see [here](#). There is also pay and display parking options along Herbert Park and Serpentine Avenue.

Hired Bus/Coach Drop-Off & Parking: Buses and coaches can drop groups off on Merrion Road in front of the Concert Hall. Alternatively, RDS Simonscourt can be booked for drop-off and parking; a limited section is available for buses at a cost of €30, and must be reserved by Friday 1st May. To book, contact yea@ecounesco.ie. See [here](#) for alternative parking options across Dublin City that your driver can book directly.

Public Transport & Active Travel Options:

- **DART:** Sandymount and Lansdowne Road stations are a 5-minute walk away.
- **Bus:** Routes including 4, 7, 7a, 18, 27X and S2 stop nearby, with additional routes such as E1, E2, 7b, 7d, 39a, 84x, 116 and 155 operate nearby.
- **LUAS:** There is no direct LUAS. However, you can connect via the DART (e.g. from Connolly Station) or take a bus from nearby LUAS stops such as Ranelagh.
- **Walking/Cycling:** The RDS is within walking and cycling distance of the city centre, with cycle lanes and bike parking available on-site.



On the Day

The Schedule

10:30am Project Registration & Stand Set Up

Projects can begin to arrive from 10:30am to register and set up their stand.

11:00am Showcase Officially Begins

Once all projects are set up, it's time for the Showcase to begin! The Showcase will be open to the public via tickets on Eventbrite. During this time judges will visit each project, and a variety of workshops and interactive sessions will take place.

13:30pm Lunchtime & Project Take Down

Take a break for lunch and begin packing down your projects in preparation for the Awards Ceremony!

14:00pm Award Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony starts promptly at 2:00pm. We will celebrate the achievement of all participants, announce winners, and present trophies and awards on stage.

15:30pm Wrap-Up Time

Time to gather your belongings, say your goodbyes and take any final photos before the event wraps up.

15:45pm Event Finishes

What to Bring

- Your knowledge, energy and enthusiasm to share your project and engage with others.
- Any materials needed to display your project within your team's designated space.

Food and Drink

Some limited food and drink options will be available on site. If you're planning to grab lunch nearby, there are several great local spots within walking distance, such as: [Sprout & Co](#) (2 minutes walk), [Mister Magpie](#) (3 minutes walk) and [Spar Ballsbridge](#) (3 minutes walk). We strongly encourage you to bring reusable water bottles and cups to help us reduce waste.

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