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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the latest **E-Bulletin** from the **Education for Sustainable Development Forum** which provides information on activities in the environmental education and education for sustainable development sectors in Northern Ireland. Below you will find a variety of useful information, including ESD Forum and member's news, resources, training events and seminars, publications, funding opportunities, and any job vacancies in the sector.

The Education for Sustainable Development Forum is the networking body for the Environmental Education and Education for Sustainable Development sector that promotes a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of environmental education and education for sustainable development in Northern Ireland. Forum Membership consists of organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors. The ESD Forum attempts to raise awareness of environmental education and education for sustainable development issues in the formal and non-formal education sectors through the provision of services such as the production of resources, initial and in service teacher training, member meetings and training and organising member and public conferences.

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NEWS FROM THE ESD FORUM

1. ESD FORUM UPDATE

The updating of the Resource Guide is nearly complete it will be printed during the summer and a copy sent to the schools during the first week in September.

There will be no E-bulletin in August but please keep the information coming in for the September issue, or if you have anything that you want promoted please send it in and I will put it on the website. Hope you all have a lovely summer and come back refreshed and ready for another busy year ahead.

Our website is still on the increase the monthly figures continue to show a steady rise. This is encouraging so if you want anything (news, upcoming events etc.) promoted on the website do feel free to contact me it is a good way of getting your information out to a wider audience. I can be contacted at iona@nienvironmentlink.org our website address is www.esdforum.org.uk



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NEWS

1. EUROPEAN HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Over 280 properties across Northern Ireland will be opening to the public for free as part of European Heritage Open Days on **Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September 2011**. European Heritage Open Days take place every September in 49 countries across Europe.

Organised by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, this celebration is designed to encourage people of all ages to discover Northern Ireland's rich and diverse architecture and heritage. Over the past 14 years EHOD has grown to become Northern Ireland's largest cultural event and most popular celebration of our built heritage. Last year over 56,500 people in Northern Ireland visited properties, many of which are closed to the public throughout the rest of the year.

This year NIEA is once again running the popular EHOD Art Competition for children aged between 5 and 14 years and also reintroducing a photography competition "Heritage Exposed" with an under 17 years category.

More information and details of both competitions can be found [here](#).

2. FREE TREES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY WITH WOODLAND TRUST

Community groups in Northern Ireland have the chance to transform their local landscape with the gift of free trees. The offer comes from the Woodland Trust's 'More Trees, More Good' campaign, which calls for a country rich in native woods and trees.

The Trust has 1,000 free community tree packs to give away to groups this autumn. Packs are available in two sizes (105 trees and 420 trees) and four different themes, helping you find the right mix for your local area.

To apply for a pack for your community to plant either this year or next, visit www.MoreTreesMoreGood.org.uk. Registrations for packs for this Autumn close on **23 September 2011**.

3. DOUBLE CELEBRATIONS AT PARKANAUR

On Friday 17 June an event to mark the 20th Anniversary of Speedwell Trust and the launch of the Parkanaur Heritage Trail was held in the Parkanaur Manor House, Dungannon. Master of Ceremonies, Paul Clark from UTV, invited a range of speakers to share their experiences over the years at Speedwell. Eamon McClean, Speedwell Manager, founder of Speedwell Jean Kelly, Neil Downing, Speedwell Chairman, Cookstown teacher Joanne Murray, all made contributions with Faye Acheson a pupil from Ballytrea PS and student Aimee Cuddy recalling their experiences at Speedwell. Music was provided by the Aughnacloy Schools' Choir, comprising of children from St Mary's PS and Aughnacloy Regional PS.

The launch was part of the Shared Heritage Project which the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funded to allow Speedwell Trust to develop activities which explored the history of Parkanaur. This project had two themes: a shared educational



programme to raise awareness and understanding of the built and natural heritage of Parkanaur estate among local schools and a heritage trail to interpret the history of the park.

The schools' programme had three elements: living history workshops in the Manor house depicting life in a Victorian school; an activity investigating the unique tree species in the Parkanaur Arboretum and a 'mystery object' activity involving artefacts from the museum at Parkanaur. The project was an overwhelming success with 33 schools and over 850 children participating. A heritage trail was also created throughout the Forest Park. Nine Interpretative signage strategically positioned around the park allow visitors to learn more about the history and biodiversity of the estate. The trail enables young people and members of the public to explore the park independently all year round.

Funding for the project was awarded through HLF's 'Your Heritage' grants programme, which provides funding of up to £50,000 for projects that enable communities to explore, protect and celebrate all aspects of their heritage.

Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA and Mayor Kenneth Reid from Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council jointly launched the Heritage Trail.

Eamon McClean, Trust Manager said, "Speedwell Trust was delighted with the outcome of the 'Shared Heritage' project. We worked in partnership with all the stakeholders in the Parkanaur Estate including the Forest Service, the Manor House, the Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council to develop a shared schools programme and to create a heritage trail that the local community and visitors to the park can avail of. The launch of the heritage trail was extra special for Speedwell as it coincided with our 20th anniversary of facilitating shared programmes to schools throughout Northern Ireland."

4. BELFAST TEAM CLAIMS HONOURS AT GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPETITION

A team of young people from Belfast were awarded second place at a global UN environmental initiative which rewards local, sustainable projects which tackle issues within local communities.

The Volvo Adventure competition, which is held in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), took place in Sweden over four days, bringing together students from as far afield as South Africa, Argentina, the US, Oman, Hungary, Turkey, India and Madagascar.

The teams took part in diverse workshops, before presenting their projects in front of an esteemed panel of judges, including Bernard Combes UNESCO's Programme Specialist for Education for Sustainable Development.

The Belfast team, who introduced an initiative to 'Think Globally, Eat Locally' at their school Grosvenor Grammar, were "shocked" at the announcement as they were aware of the complexity and scale of other projects. However, the team were hailed as an "inspiration" at the 10th annual event. UNEP and Volvo Adventure officials praised them for their simplicity when creating a concept that was both socially aware and completely sustainable.

This story is from the Belfast Telegraph. Read it in full [here](#).



5. GREEN TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2011

Please write in no more than 100 words why your teacher should be the "**Belfast Harbour Green Teacher of the Year 2011**" Last year Webster had so much fun finding his Green Teacher of the Year, he has decided to do it all over again!

So, if your teacher recycles plastic bottles into jet rockets, encourages you to give a bug a hug, or leads a double life as an energy-saving superhero... Webster wants to hear from you!

You could win a fantastic day out at W5 for your teacher and your whole class on Wednesday **16th November 2011**. Entries to be received by 19th **October 2011**.

Send to Action Renewables, Block C, Unit 1, Boucher Business Studios, Glenmachan Place, Belfast BT12 6QH or email to education@actionrenewables.co.uk

6. GET READY AND GET SET FOR IMPACT 2012 AWARDS!

The DOE (Department of the Environment) and OFMDFM (Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister) are urging young people up to the age of 25 across Northern Ireland to get ready and get set over the summer months, in preparation for the Impact 2012 Awards.

The Impact 2012 Awards are designed to recognise those young people who are making a positive impact in life, in terms of the environment and sustainability. These Awards will celebrate action being taken on the ground and they will also provide an excellent platform to share these award winning and inspirational ideas with hundreds of others.

Project applications can be made under a range of categories, including environment, innovation, rural sustainability, leadership, awareness raising, community safety and others.

Full details on how to apply will be released in September on the NI Direct website <http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/environment-and-greener-living/your-local-environment/being-green-in-the-community-and-at-work/impact-2012-awards.htm>

The deadline for submissions will be in December 2011 and the Awards will be announced at an event in Belfast on 14th March 2012.

If people would like to register their interest in the meantime, please email marketing@doeni.gov.uk

7. RSPB ANNOUNCES RETURN OF RARE CROWS TO RATHLIN ISLAND

RSPB Northern Ireland is celebrating a year of rare returns with the fledging of two choughs on Rathlin Island. Last week it announced the return of the golden plover to Co Fermanagh. This week, the wildlife conservation charity is over the moon with the return of the chough.

A member of the crow family, the chough is distinctive with its red feet and beak. However, unlike the rest of its family, it has been slowly disappearing from the Northern Irish landscape and over the past ten years has made an on-again, off-again appearance around the North Antrim coast.



Working with farmers at Dunseverick and Fairhead, the RSPB has seen the tantalising prospect of the birds' reestablishment come and go over the years. However, with the purchase of land on Rathlin Island five years ago, along with the careful management of the area, the prospects of this charismatic bird greatly improved.

"This is the first time chough has bred on the nature reserve since it was bought and specifically managed for it," said Liam McFaul, RSPB Warden Rathlin Island. "Chough had bred on Rathlin two years ago, but it wasn't on our reserve. This is a testament to how nature does recover if we give it a helping hand. I speak for all of the RPSB here – our members, staff, volunteers and our partners – when I say how delighted we are and hope that this will be a sign of things to come."

Chough became extinct as a regular breeding bird in Northern Ireland just over ten years ago. The NIEA have had a Biodiversity Action Plan for the bird to help it recover. The NIEA funded the purchase of the land as well as its management, and the reestablishment of the birds here has been regarded as a tremendous success.

"NIEA are very pleased to see this important landmark achieved for this iconic coastal species. Hopefully, the land acquisition by RSPB and its management for chough, marks the beginning of an expansion for this vulnerable species. While the focus of interest here is the chough, this is also an example of wider conservation gains as habitat management is also beneficial for a range of plants and other animals," said Ian Enlander, NIEA.

The area of land, Knockans is on the way to the well-known RSPB Seabird Centre at the Westlight, and the RSPB are encouraging people to call in and take a look at it.

"It has some of the best views on the island, as it overlooks Church Bay and towards the mainland," said Liam. "Conservation isn't great just for wildlife. Many people come to Rathlin to experience its wonderful natural surroundings and amazing beauty. Being an islander it means that we are able to retain the beauty of this unique landscape while attracting a viable income. We would like to thank the NITB for funding the facilities on Knockans which improve the visitor experience."

For more information about Rathlin Island, go to www.rspb.org.uk/reserves.

8. STEPPING UP FOR NATURE

RSPB LAUNCHES NEW CAMPAIGN TO MOBILISE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TO DO THEIR BIT TO SAVE NATURE AND PUT PRESSURE ON OUR POLITICIANS TO DO THE SAME

What do the puffin, tiger, skylark and enjoying the great outdoors have in common? They are all becoming increasingly endangered and the RSPB wants the Northern Ireland government to do something about it.

At the launch of their "Stepping Up For Nature" campaign today (27.6.2011) at the Crescent Arts Centre in Belfast, the wildlife organisation is asking the government to make good the promises made nearly 20 years ago to halt and reverse declines in wildlife. The RSPB has produced a 'roadmap' of the actions it believes are required from our government if we are to restore our natural heritage.

Speaking at the launch, Dr James Robinson, Director of RSPB Northern Ireland said:



“This new RSPB campaign is about urging governments to step up to the challenge of restoring our lost wildlife. When I was a boy, I used to spend my summer holidays climbing trees and making dens in the woods, listening to the cuckoo and wandering through clouds of bees and butterflies. They were wonderful times fixed in my memory, and I want future generations to have these things too. If governments don’t act now, they will face a horrible future without singing birds, meadows full of wildflowers and seas full of fish.

He added, “We have produced a ‘Roadmap’ for the Northern Ireland government which sets out some of the actions that are required if we are to see wildlife return and prosper. Many of these actions are ones that only governments have the power to address, like bringing in new laws to protect our threatened sea life, protecting the best place for wildlife, and supporting farmers to make countryside rich in nature.

“Our ‘Letter to the Future’ campaign last year showed that the public does care,” says James. “In Northern Ireland, more than 7,000 people signed the letter, asking those who can to make a difference for nature. Across the UK, over 350,000 people called on politicians to do more to invest in nature. Numbers that big can’t be ignored and it’s time for those in power to do what the public want and step up for nature.”

“Here at the RSPB, we are doing our bit to ‘step up’. For example, we have 300 active volunteers doing a wide variety of jobs helping nature, more than 13,000 children are learning about the natural world every year with our education team, and 10,500 people are helping to monitor garden birds by taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch. All of this adds up to thousands of small and large steps for nature – and we need to see that same inspired vision and leadership from our politicians. We can all save nature, but we have to do it together.

Speaking prior to speaking at the event, Environment Minister Alex Atwood added,

"Our natural environment is a great natural asset for Northern Ireland. Organisations such as the RSPB have made an invaluable contribution helping us look after our biodiversity over the years. I welcome this new RSPB initiative and we will continue seek to work closely with partners in the voluntary sector to help halt the loss of biodiversity."

To see how you can step up for nature, go to www.rspb.org.uk/steppingup

9. CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF ALLOTMENTS AT LOUGH NEAGH DISCOVERY CENTRE

The new allotment area that has sprung up at the back of the Lough Neagh Discovery Centre in recent months has continued to developed and expand thanks to the building of a new herb circle which was completed in June 2011.

The herb circle was the brain child of Greg McAleenan, caretaker at the Centre who approached the Conservation staff to offer his assistance in building the structure. With a little planning and a whole lot of digging the herb circle began to take shape.

Students who took part in the Ulster Regional Finals of the Young Environmentalist Awards held at the Discovery Centre in early April began the process of constructing it as part of workshops on the day and soon got stuck into laying the foundations of the circle. Over the following weeks the separate beds were constructed, soil added and finally herbs planted.

The herb circle also has 8 small standing stones which will eventually be marked with the points of the compass, as well as a centre piece which will also be carved with a greeting message.



Andy Griggs, the Centre's Education, Events and Activities Officer explained "There are so many benefits that can be derived from gardening and the allotment area has been great at helping us to demonstrate these advantages to visiting school children, community groups and members of the public. Thanks to Greg's and the Conservation teams hard work the herb circle will allow us to continue to develop this area for visitors and show them how herbs were used for thousands of years for both medicinal and culinary purposes.

RESOURCES

1. EDUCATION RESOURCES – FROM ECO-UNESCO

ECO-UNESCO publish a wide range of **education resources** focused on environmental education for young people:

- [resource packs](#)
- [activity packs](#)
- [activity sheets](#)
- [posters](#)
- [CD-ROMs](#)

These resources aim to support teachers, youth leaders and other educators to apply environmental education to their educational activities.

For more information, contact: ECO-UNESCO, *the greenhouse*, 17 St Andrew Street, Dublin, 2

Tel.: (01) 662-5491

Fax: (01) 662-5493

Email: info@ecounesco.ie

2. THE YEAR ROUND ORGANIC SCHOOL

Kerry Earth Education Project with the Irish Seed Savers Association has produced a wonderful resource for teachers and parents who wish to set up or progress their school garden. Simply presented and packed with useful information, this book takes you through the tasks associated with the garden for each month, offers many ideas for projects no matter how small your available space is, and demonstrates clear links as to how the gardening activities can be fully integrated into the curriculum. With class by class plans, glossary of terms, resource lists and photocopyable forms for classroom use, this is a book the school gardener will use again and again.

Available online www.theorganiccentre.ie/node/1131 or at the Organic Centre Ecoshop for €12 + p&p.

3. GARDEN ORGANIC

Garden Organic is committed to getting people growing and there is no better place to start than getting our children involved. The Garden Organic Website www.gardenorganic.org.uk/schools_organic_network/ is full of ideas for



getting an organic garden started. It includes lots of ideas along with a Fun Zone with games and activities, along with a Teaching Zone and a Learning Zone to name a few. This website is definitely well worth a look.

TRAINING AND EVENTS

1. NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS CONFERENCE – *LET'S GET CREATIVE!*

Scheduled for the opening of the school year, October and November will see the biggest Sustainable Schools annual event, run by SEEd, coming to a location near you and online. It will bring together teachers, pupils, NGOs and others who work in or are interested in sustainability and environmental education in schools; it will encourage learning and sharing resources, skills, successes, and also help make plans on how to become a sustainable school and save money. The theme is *Let's Get Creative*, with workshops led by experts in their fields, covering ideas such as:

- Creative engagement with students
- Creative use of the outdoors and museums
- Creative Curriculum
- Creative with Funding, and
- Creatively engaging with your community

With inspiring national speakers who have just „done it“ – often without money or support – the day is designed to help you and your school or organisation in your sustainability journey with new and exciting creative ideas. The conference also includes a market place of organisations and resources that support sustainable schools and local authorities, with presentations and films.

Four events shall be held around the country and online during October and November: it's truly national!

Even if you cannot make one of these dates, our Online Interactive Conference will last throughout the regional events and beyond, so why not join in at home or at school for half the price and twice the experience?

Take part in facilitated workshops, discussions, listen to key note speakers and get the workshop outputs and presentations from our country-wide events. All this without travelling anywhere!

All conference delegates also have automatic access to this online arena and everyone receives the collated resources e-pack after the online conference ends; a valuable resource for all attendees.

Spaces are limited so confirm your place now by signing up online on our new website:

se-ed.co.uk/NSSC2011

Remember to check the website for the regional updates and for the latest news from the conference workshops.

2. ROSE WEEK AT SIR THOMAS AND LADY DIXON PARK, 13 -17 JULY

Rose Week takes place from Wednesday 13 to Sunday 17 July in the City of Belfast International Rose Garden in Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park.



The programme changes daily and all events are free. Highlights include:

- **Summer Rose and Flower Show (16-17 July)**
Featuring displays of roses, sweet pea, pot plants, bonsai and cacti.
- **Children's activities**
Face painting, safari train, balloon modelling, magic shows, children's tattooing and a bouncy castle.
- **Entertainment**
Irish dancing, fun art orienteering, hip-hop performances, carnival stalls and street entertainment.
- **Craft stalls (16-17 July)**
Offering a selection of crafts and gardening items.
- **Photography exhibition and workshop**
View the winning entries from our [Parklife Photographic Competition](#) or take part in our In Your Element photo workshop.
- **Lots, lots more**
Including musical performances, gardening workshops and a Tai Chi class.

City of Belfast International Rose Trials

Trial roses will be judged on Thursday 14 July. A panel of international experts will inspect two dozen new varieties of rose and award points for their habit, growth, resistance to disease, flower quality and scent.

Location and shuttle bus

Entrance to Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park is via Upper Malone Road. Limited car parking is available on site and a shuttle bus will also run to and from Europa Bus Centre during Rose Week - for full details, visit www.belfastcity.gov.uk/roseweek

More information

For more information about Rose Week or to view a full programme of activities, visit www.belfastcity.gov.uk/roseweek or call us on 028 9091 8768.

3. NATIONAL TRIALS DAY - SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2011

National Trails Day is taking place on 2nd October this year and we hope that in all areas of Northern Ireland we can have a fantastic range of interesting and exciting things on a trail, be it on land or water. Its primary objective is to raise awareness of outdoor trails and it gives everyone a chance to enjoy some of our most beautiful countryside, forests, mountains and lakes.



Thanks to all of you who organised events in 2010. Some highlights of last year included:

- 58 events were held, a huge improvement on the 10 events held in 2009
- Over 1500 people participated in events
- Coverage of event on BBC Newsline on 3 October
- Significant media coverage: £332,550 equivalent advertising value
- Overwhelming positive response from event organisers

To get involved in 2011, the next step is to organise an event or series of events for National Trails Day:

- Read the revised guidelines (copy of which I can send). There are some small changes to 2010. Put the details of your events on the website www.nationaltrailsday.co.uk as soon as possible. The deadline for events is **Friday August 5th 2011**

FUNDING

1. THE REVISED NIEA NATURAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAMME IS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The revised Natural Heritage Grant Programme Guidance Notes and 2011 Grant Application Form, along with the Pre-Application Form, is available for downloading from the NIEA grants website [here](#).

Closing Dates for Applications

Submission of Pre-Application Forms (optional but advised) - **Tuesday 14 June 2011**.

All full Grant Applications - **4pm Friday 12 August 2011**.

This is a competitive grant programme. There are normally many more grant applications than the budget can support. Successful projects will be those which will help to achieve Natural Heritage's priorities. These are outlined on the website and in the appendices of the Natural Heritage Grant Programme Guidance Notes. Grant queries can be sent to the grant email at nhgrants@doeni.gov.uk.

Grants team staff will be available to help grant applicants with queries:

Maia Taylor - Grants Programme Manager – 028 9056 9621

Niall McAleenan – Access Grants – 028 9056 9580

Cathy Barker – Biodiversity & Landscape Grants – 028 9056 9806

Peter Turner – Economic Appraisals and Financial Issues – 028 9056 9610

Ken Wooster – Administrative queries – 028 9056 9611



2. BIG LOTTERY FUNDING

This Programme is delivered and funded by the Big Lottery Fund in Northern Ireland and awards funds of between £500 – £10,000 over a 12 month period.

The aim of the programme is to bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need by funding projects which involve people in their communities, bringing them together to enjoy a wide range of charitable, community, educational, environmental and health-related activities.

We want our money to make a difference by helping:

- people to participate in their communities to bring about positive change
- people to develop their skills and widen their experiences
- people to work toward better and safer communities
- improve people's physical and mental health and wellbeing.

We hope these awards will improve people's lives and will strengthen community activity. For further information see

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/northernireland/summary.html>

3. TESCO CHARITY TRUST

The Tesco Charity Trust was set up in 1987 to support both national and local community charities. The Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. There are four rounds of funding each year.

The Tesco Charity Trust Trustees also consider grant applications at their tri-annual meetings. These grants range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects. More information from michelina.filocco@uk.tesco.com or visit: <http://cr2010.tescopl.com/communities/tesco-charity-trust.aspx>

4. BESS - NEW NERC PROGRAMME

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Sustainability is a major new NERC programme (£13 million over 6 years) aimed at untangling the linkages between biodiversity and ecosystem services, how these linkages may change in the future, and how best to measure the changes in natural capital stocks and the ecosystem services from those stocks.

The first allocation of funding (£9 million) is for consortium type projects to do intensive research on focal landscapes in farmland, upland, wetland and urban ecosystems.

The Directorate is running a number of briefing sessions to clarify the aims and objectives of the BESS programme and to answer queries from potential applicants. The Directorate will be hosting a meetings in and London (12 July).



If you are interested in applying for funding to carry out any of the above please note that the deadline for expressions of interest is **19 July**.

Further information [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP OF ESD FORUM

JOIN US

The Education for Sustainable Development Forum is the networking body for the sector that promotes a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of environmental education in Northern Ireland. Forum Membership consists of organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors. Most members are actively involved in environmental education and

bring a wide range of expertise and enthusiasm to the forum. Membership to the ESD Forum is open to all individuals and organisations from the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Benefits of membership include:

- Access to an established networking and information organization
- Newsletter distributed three times per year
- One conference per year organised on a range of related environmental education topics
- ESD Days run at all of Northern Ireland's University establishments
- E-mail updates on the Forums activities plus relevant information, publications and events via the E-Bulletin
- Access to free reference Library
- Access to ESD Forum website
- Support and publicity for your work
- Sharing of ideas, expertise and experience

	Voluntary Organisation	Statutory Body
Organisation, one person	£35	-
Organisation, up to 3 people receiving membership benefits at one site	£50	£100
Organisation, more than 3 people receiving membership benefits at one site at one site	£75	£150
Organisation, additional sites receiving membership benefits	£35 per site	£35 per site



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