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*E.Y.E. or 'Eco, Young and Engaged', is a sustainable learning project helping local schools and young people within them to make a positive difference to their environment.*

## NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year! Here is the latest newsletter from The E.Y.E. Project and the first edition of 2016.

I hope that you find these newsletters useful for your school. To enable us to ensure that these newsletters are relevant and useful to local schools please do send any suggestions or comments to [eye@worthinghigh.net](mailto:eye@worthinghigh.net).

Clare Sutton

The E.Y.E. Project - Project Officer

## Eco Summit 2016 preparations

We are busy planning three separate E.Y.E. Project Eco Summits in West Sussex for 2016.

- **The Littlehampton Academy Eco Summit on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.** This E.Y.E Project event is being hosted and organised by The Littlehampton Academy (TLA) for their feeder Schools. Workshops have been agreed and the nine attending schools will shortly be receiving further details of the event and workshop choices from TLA. For more information go to: <http://eyeproject.co.uk/events/TLA>
- **The 9<sup>th</sup> Worthing & Adur Eco Summit on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016.** Davison CE School for Girls has kindly offered to host the annual Worthing & Adur Eco Summit this year. Provisional details of the event will be sent to all schools in due course. Priority places will be given to E.Y.E Project Member schools who will also receive discounted rates; however there will also be some places available to non-member schools. Workshops are currently being invited to this event. <http://www.eyeproject.co.uk/events/9th W&A>
- For the first year we are pleased to announce that we will also be holding an **Chichester Eco Summit** for schools in the Chichester area. This year the event will take place at **The Weald & Downland Open Air Museum on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016.** For more information go to: <http://www.eyeproject.co.uk/events/Chi>

**If you are interested in your pupils attending the 9<sup>th</sup> Worthing and Adur Eco Summit on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 please send an email to [eye@worthinghigh.net](mailto:eye@worthinghigh.net).** A separate invitation will follow in due course but it would help with the planning of the event to establish as soon as possible which schools (Member / Non-Member) would be interested in attending this year.

## CPD Session – Taking bookings now

We are pleased to confirm that the **next CPD Session** will be on **Tuesday 23rd February 2016** (4-5.30pm) at Worthing High School  
Subject:- **Improving School Grounds for Outdoor Learning**  
Workshop Leader: **Tom Simpson - Wild About Worthing Project/Sussex Wildlife Trust**

Tom will demonstrate and discuss easy ways in which teachers can create habitats for wildlife on site to create a better resource for teaching outside of the class room. He may cover building bird boxes, beetle banks, bug hotels, reptile hibernacula, hedgehog homes; how to build them, where to find materials and the best places to put them. How to identify, survey and record wildlife with groups of children. He will pull together some resources to signpost to teachers for future activities they may want to run in school.

**IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF E.Y.E PLEASE DO NOT BOOK VIA EPD AS YOUR PLACE IS FREE. Contact [eye@worthinghigh.net](mailto:eye@worthinghigh.net) to book.** Non-members can either book by EPD Credits (8) <http://www.e-pd.org.uk/course/detail/1603>, or pay by cheque (£10) payable to Worthing & Adur E.Y.E. Project. Please email [eye@worthinghigh.net](mailto:eye@worthinghigh.net) if you wish to book and pay by cheque.

## Sow & Grow Seed Swap – 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Transition Town Worthing (TTW)** are organising their annual **Sow & Grow Seed Swap** at **Oak Grove College** and this will take place on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February (12.30pm – 4pm)**.

The **E.Y.E Project**, Breathing Spaces and Sussex Wildlife Trust will be collaborating on the day with a **Wildflower Seed Sowing Stand**. This will involve children **sowing wildflower seeds in paper pots, and/or making a SEED BOMB, to take home or back to school**. Some seed bombs will be taken outside & exploded on the day to contribute to the development of a new wildflower meadow.

**Please do communicate the details of this event to your school communities.**

There will be a range of activities at this community event including -

- **Seeds & plants to exchange & buy**
- **Wide variety of sow, grow and community stands**
- **Inspirational talks with Q & A:** Storage & Propagation Bill Geddes Worthing Allotments); Highdown Gardens (Jo Hooper, Head Gardener); Natural Pest Control (Steve Millam, Chichester College)
- **South Downs Folk Singers**
- **Fun activities for adults & children** - some are outside, so wrap up warm
- **Hot & cold homemade food & drinks**
- **Raffle for Transition Town Worthing**

The TTW event poster can be found on our website: [www.eyeproject.co.uk/events/Seed Swap](http://www.eyeproject.co.uk/events/Seed_Swap)

**We are looking for staff members of Schools** linked to the EYE Project in any way (non-member or member schools) **to help any children who attend to sow wildflower seeds in paper pots. If you are interested in helping**, perhaps just for an hour or so, please can you **contact E.Y.E Project Officer** Clare Sutton ([eye@worthinghigh.net](mailto:eye@worthinghigh.net) or 01903 237864 x242)

## Earth Hour 2016

WWF's Earth Hour is an annual global celebration where people switch off their lights for one hour to show they care about the future of our planet.

This year's celebrations will be on Saturday **19 March** from 8.30pm to 9.30pm. To take part, all you need to do is [sign up](#) and switch off your lights for that one hour. It's a symbolic and spectacular lights out display with a big message – we want to protect the future of our planet!

Last year over 4,800 schools took part in Earth Hour with various activities and assemblies, and holding their **own 'switch off' hour during the school day**. For more details visit

<http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/>

## Clean For The Queen School Competition

Clean for The Queen is a campaign launched by Country Life magazine in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy to clear up Britain in time for The Queen's 90th birthday in April. It will rally an army of volunteers across the country to clean up their local areas and will include a special clean-up weekend on March 4–6.

There is also a **school competition** for children from schools all around the country to **design an anti-littering poster** that builds on the theme of Clean for The Queen, litter and how society has changed over the course of the Queen's reign. The competition is open to pupils from all schools across the UK. The closing date is yet to be confirmed but through to be around mid-February 2016. To find out more, register your school for its own litter pickup event, or download a Schools competition pack visit: [www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk](http://www.cleanforthequeen.co.uk).

You will also find a range of facts and information about the campaign on the Keep Britain Tidy website [keepbritaintidy.org](http://keepbritaintidy.org).

Here are a few of their litter facts:

- **About 2.25 million pieces of litter are dropped on the streets of the UK every day.**
- **Thirty million tons of rubbish are collected from England's streets each year. That's enough to fill Wembley Stadium four times over.**
- **There could be 46,000 pieces of plastic floating in every square mile of the ocean. About 80% of that comes from the land. Plastic takes at least 450 years to break down in seawater.**
- **Paper bags take up to one month to biodegrade. Plastic bags up to 10–20 years, and plastic bottle up to 450 years.**

## The Pod Waste Week Campaign

The Pod is holding a Waste Week campaign with the main activity being held between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Pod has a range of resources from assembly presentations, lesson plans, games and movies all with cross curricular links. To find out more visit their website: [jointhepod.org/campaigns](http://jointhepod.org/campaigns)

## Sustrans – The Big Pedal 2016

The Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

Powered by Sustrans and funded by the Bike Hub, the 2016 challenge will run from **18 to 29 April** and is open to individual classes as well as whole schools.

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. A school's best five days will determine their final position, but they can log journeys on all ten days if they wish.

Find out more: <http://bigpedal.org.uk/>

## Useful links and 'tweet's'

Follow **@EYEProject** to see information relating to the E.Y.E Project along with **useful information and resources** from a range of organisations covering the keys topics of **Waste, Recycling, Litter, Energy, Biodiversity, Transport, School Grounds, Global Citizenship and Healthy Living.**

We also tweet links to **activities for eco clubs**. In the last few weeks we have 'retweeted' various activities including:

- **Making apple feeders for birds** (RSPB Learning);
- **Making bird Feeders from waste items** (Wildlife Gadget Man);
- **Making herb gardens from plastic bottles** (Veolia);
- A link to various activities from Wildlife Watch.

Here are a selection of some of the resources recently shared by our twitter feed:

- We 'retweeted' a link to the NASA's Earth Minute videos which is a **series of 9 short videos around climate change issues**. This fun-filled, yet sobering, whiteboard animation series explains Earth science to the science-curious and is currently on the COP21 website and can also be found on the NASA website for Global Climate Change. This NASA website also includes a resources section Climate Kids.  
[http://climate.nasa.gov/climate\\_resource\\_center/earthminute](http://climate.nasa.gov/climate_resource_center/earthminute)
- We 'retweeted' a link to a **teacher's guide to the 3 R's with hands on challenges**. Adventures on the Environmental Journey <http://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/resources/>
- We 'retweeted' details of a **Create & Cook Competition** which is open to all 13-14 year olds (yrs 8/9) in secondary schools in Hampshire, West Sussex and the Isle of Wight and NEW for 2016, schools in Brighton and Hove. Entering through their school food technology department in pairs, young cooks are asked to design a 2 course menu using as many local ingredients as possible. It is hoped that they will explore their local farmers markets, farm shops, gardens and allotments to search out their local flavours. Closing date for 2016 Competition - Friday 18th March 2016. As well as nurturing young talent and developing cookery skills, The Create & Cook Competition (sponsored by The Southern Co-operative) challenges young people to explore the key issues of sustainability, seasonality and animal welfare. <http://www.fit2cook.co.uk/createandcook>

- We 'retweeted' the **STEM Learning Resource - Space to Earth Challenge**. Tim Peake invites UK children to exercise alongside him as he trains two hours a day on the highest and fastest gym in the Universe – travelling at 27,600 km per hour and circling the world every 90 minutes. The triathlon styled challenge encourages schools to create their own 'spaceathlons' – a trio of space, sport and science activities using the resources in this collection. The STEM Learning Resources pages also include sections about Earth observation to monitor environmental processes <https://www.stem.org.uk/elibrary/>

To see all our tweets/retweets in the future follow [@EYEProject](#).

## In the News

COP21 - Last month the COP21 took place in Paris. 195 countries signed up to a ground-breaking deal on climate change action. The key elements agreed by all countries were:

- To keep global temperatures "well below" 2.0C (3.6F) above pre-industrial times and "endeavour to limit" them even more, to 1.5C
- To limit the amount of greenhouse gases emitted by human activity to the same levels that trees, soil and oceans can absorb naturally, beginning at some point between 2050 and 2100
- To review each country's contribution to cutting emissions every five years so they scale up to the challenge
- For rich countries to help poorer nations by providing "climate finance" to adapt to climate change and switch to renewable energy.

## Facebook Page

Here is a link to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/The-EYE-Project-Eco-Young-and-Engaged-1679254948979173/timeline>

Start liking 'The EYE Project - Eco Young and Engaged' to follow. Details relating to the E.Y.E. Project will be displayed here.

### **E.Y.E. Project member schools only:**

We have set up a Closed Group called **The EYE Project Local Schools Network** for eco reps of E.Y.E. Project member schools. This group is a place for E.Y.E. Project member local schools and/or their Eco reps, to share Eco ideas, activities or questions with other local schools and Eco reps.

## Networking Sessions

### **E.Y.E. Project member schools only:**

These facilitated termly networking sessions are for the eco representatives of E.Y.E. Project Member Schools.

## Eco Video – chance to win £40 Gardening voucher

### **E.Y.E. Project member schools only:**

## Funding Opportunities –

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## Book recommendations

If you have an 'eco' book recommendation please email details of the book along with details of the Key Stage that it is suitable for to [eye@worthinghigh.net](mailto:eye@worthinghigh.net) and we will share this within this section of our newsletter.

## Upcoming events/Dates for Diary:

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 – E.Y.E. Project Member Schools Networking Meeting at Bramber Primary School (Members only)**

**6<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Sow & Grow Seed Swap community event at Oak Grove College (event organised by Transition Town Worthing)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 – CPD Session 'Improving School Grounds for Outdoor Learning' taken by Tom Simpson from Sussex Wildlife Trust's Wild About Worthing Project held at Worthing High School.**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – The Littlehampton Academy Eco Summit for TLA feeder schools.**

**21<sup>st</sup> June 2016 - 9<sup>th</sup> Worthing & Adur Eco Summit at Davison CE High School for Girls for Worthing & Adur schools.**

**26<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – Chichester Eco Summit at The Weald & Downland Open Air Museum**

The E.Y.E. Project is led by a Committee which includes the following core members:  
Chairperson: Barbara Shaw (of Transition Town Worthing);  
Secretary: WSCC Senior Advisor Sustainability; Treasurer: Business Manager Worthing High School; Tim Loughton, MP.

For information about becoming E.Y.E. Project Members visit our website [www.eyeproject.co.uk](http://www.eyeproject.co.uk) or email [eye@worthinghigh.net](mailto:eye@worthinghigh.net)

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The EYE Project is an innovative and dynamic approach to engaging young people in a fun, informative and hands-on way, and The Southern Co-operative is proud to support this. We strongly believe that by supporting local projects - such as the E.Y.E Project - with not only funding, but also with practical help, advice and co-operation, we can help people of all ages to make a real difference to the environment." - The Southern Co-operative

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