Sustainability Support for Education

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Housekeeping

Please keep yourself on mute

Feel free to introduce yourself in the chat

Feel free to have your camera on or off

Put questions in the chat at any time

Today you will...

- Be introduced to Sustainability Support for Education and have a demo the site
- Been taken through sign up and create an account
- Have a look at some actions to get you started
- Consider who you want to mobilise to work with you on sustainability
- Find out how to save and share actions
- Information on accessing other support programmes from the Department for Education

Climate Action

- Reduce emissions
- Drive behavioural change and shifting mindsets
- Developing resilience to the effects of an ever changing climate
- Creating a better, greener world for future generations
- Enhancing our natural surroundings
- Increasing access to, and connection with nature

Climate Action in EY

- Small actions can have a snowball effect.
- Early habits shape lifelong values.
- Helps lay the foundation for lifelong environmental awareness, social responsibility, and ethical thinking.
- Support holistic development
- Playing a role within your wider community, through engaging your parents/caregivers.

Range of settings types

Climate Action Plans

- We all need to take action towards a more sustainable future.
- It's a tool to create focus for your activity and to bring your colleagues with you.
- Evidence shows that taking climate action will have lots of wider benefits for your setting such as:
  - financial savings from energy efficiency;
  - mental health and wellbeing through outdoor learning;
  - improving your infrastructure and estate.
- A whole-institution approach to sustainability can effectively demonstrate compliance with various aspects of the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

A free online service

A place for all educational settings to build their Climate Action Plans and do it:

- **Quickly**: easy to navigate for time poor staff.
- **Easily**: One stop shop, covering all 5 pillars
- **Well**: the highest quality resources, checked by experts.

The Sustainability Journey

To support you to explore where you are on your sustainability journey and what lies ahead, we have visualised a structured sustainability journey.

We know that starting a Sustainability Journey can be daunting and overwhelming for many settings and so we have therefore done as much of the heavy lifting as we can, and structured the journey around **aims**.

SSfE for EY

- The sustainability journey is relevant to all settings (ie EY/Schools/FE).
- However, we've had to use language to make it applicable to all, we recognise this makes it quite generic.
- Where there are more bespoke resources we have included these.
- In the round, we found resources to be very generic.
- There are some areas that will be more relevant for EY ie.
    - Engage parents - look at some of these that relate to parent voice
    - In a leased rather than owned environment

Benefits of Registering

- Save actions and related resources to come back to later
- Download actions to add to your Climate Action Plan
- Share actions and resources that you've found with colleagues and collaborators
- Input details on your setting to get more tailored suggestions

Login process

Sign in to your account

If you don't already have an account, sign up

Email

email@website.com

Password

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Sign in Reset password

Note, you will need to verify your account

Add details on setting

Find your setting

Enter your setting's postcode. It must be the postcode your setting is registered to. We'll use information about your setting to create a filter that shows you relevant actions and resources.

If you work in more than one setting, you'll have the option to add additional settings later.

Setting postcode

Search

Note: This service is for education settings located in England.

Next

Add a setting later

Add details on setting

Tell us more about your setting

If you're not sure, you can answer 'I don't know' and come back to them later.

What are the age of the buildings on your estate? Select all that apply

- [ ] Less than 10 years
- [ ] 10 years or more
- [ ] I don't know

Are the buildings owned or leased? Select all that apply

- [ ] Owned
- [ ] Leased
- [ ] I don't know

Is there available outdoor space?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) I don't know

Does this setting have restrictions? Select all that apply

Tell us about your setting's sustainability journey so far

If you're not sure, you can answer 'I don't know' and come back to them later.

Does your setting have a Climate Action Plan, sustainability strategy, or similar document?

- ( ) Yes
- ( ) No
- ( ) I don't know

Has your setting put any structures in place to enable your sustainability journey? For example, meetings or budget.

- ( ) We've not started yet
- ( ) We've made some plans or set up some structures
- ( ) We've started putting our plans into action
- ( ) We've got regular activities and structures in place

Tell us about your role in your setting

What is your role in this setting? You may select more than one role

- [ ] Business and operations
- [ ] Careers
- [ ] Catering
- [ ] Climate Ambassador / Let's Go Zero
- [ ] Estates and site
- [ ] Finance and procurement
- [ ] Governors
- [ ] Leadership
- [ ] Pastoral
- [ ] Sustainability lead
- [ ] Sustainability working group
- [ ] Teaching
- [ ] Trustees
- [ ] Other

Next Previous

Register on the service

Foundations of the Site

Department for Education Strategy Pillars

	Sustainability Fundamentals	Decarbonisation and Energy Efficiency	Climate Adaptation and Resilience	Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure	Climate Education, Green Skills and Careers
Sustainability Support for Education Maturity Stages					
1 Setting the groundwork					
2 Taking the first steps					
3 Developing your practice					
4 Learning to Lead					
5 Advanced actions					

Using the Hub

Topics are a useful and quick way to **collaborate with colleagues** and for them to quickly navigate to appropriate actions, resources guidance & support.

- For example, you maybe interested in reducing energy costs and therefore go straight to the **Energy** Topic.
- Business/finance/office managers maybe interested in **Funding** or **Procurement**.
- Senior Leadership in **Planning and Monitoring**
- EY Practitioners in **Wellbeing** or **Climate Education.**

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Suggested Actions

Topic: **PLANNING AND MONITORING**
Stage Filter: Setting the groundwork
Suggested action: Create a sustainability working group

Topic: **FUNDING**
Stage Filter: Setting the groundwork
Suggested action: Understand sustainability funding opportunities

Topic: **PLANNING AND MONITORING**
Stage Filter**:** Taking first steps
Suggested action: Encourage your parent voice

Topic: **ENERGY**
Stage Filter: Taking first steps
Suggested action: Complete an energy review

Topic: **ENERGY**
Stage Filter: Taking first steps
Suggested action: Identify some quick wins to decarbonise your setting

Topic: **BIODIVERSITY**
Stage Filter: Taking first steps
Suggested action: Complete a biodiversity assessment

Topic: **WELLBEING or CLIMATE EDUCATION**
Stage Filter: Taking first steps
Suggested action: Promote the benefits of using outdoor learning spaces to your stakeholders

Topic: **WELLBEING or CLIMATE EDUCATION**
Stage Filter: Taking first steps
Suggested action: Introduce outdoor activities as part of learning

Topic: **CLIMATE ADAPTATION**
Stage Filter: Taking first steps
Suggested action: Understand how your estate is susceptible to climate change

Topic: **CLIMATE ADAPTATION**
Stage Filter: Taking first steps
Suggested action: Complete a water audit

If you can do these ten things you will have done the most important actions for early years in the first two stages!

Identify three actions and save to a list

A whole setting approach

Use your networks to drive change

Identify three people to engage

In Summary

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For in person, expert support to help develop and implement your plan

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LET'S GO ZERO 2030
Schools working together to be zero carbon

For curriculum linked resources and hands-on activities that empower students to transform your grounds

National Education Nature Park

What is a Climate Ambassador?

- Volunteers from across **private, public, charity, university and community sectors** who want to put their climate change and sustainability knowledge to work.
- Aim to support education settings deliver meaningful change on sustainability and climate change.
- Climate Ambassadors will be fully DBS checked, have undertaken mandatory training and have access to a suite of additional training to complement their existing expertise and skillsets.
- Work with leaders, staff, young people and governors.

What can Climate Ambassadors offer education settings?

- Get started creating and progressing your climate action plan
- Inspire action in your setting
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- Plan and adapt to the impacts of climate change, to minimise risk of disruption to learning
- Increase biodiversity across your setting's estate and improve access to green space
- Provide advice on how you can weave climate education and green careers inspiration across teaching and learning activities
- Upskill you staff to build their confidence in teaching about climate and sustainability

Registering on the STEM Ambassador platform

https://www.stem.org.uk/stem-ambassadors/request-stem-ambassador

Climate Action Advisors

A free in person service for all education settings. Receive dedicated expert support to help progress your sustainability and climate action journey.

Climate Action Advisors offer:

- Tailored advice for nurseries, schools and colleges at any stage of their sustainability journey across England.
- Bespoke support for schools, MATS, LAs and Dioceses.
- Help on a range of issues affecting all and any stakeholders (Teachers, site staff, business managers, MAT teams, governors, PTA).
- Online/ in person/ school site visits.

LET'S GO ZERO 2030

Sign up here

Young people are leading the way in creating a network of green spaces in schools, colleges and nurseries across the country

Free programme for all education settings in England

Young people exploring and transforming their learning sites for people and wildlife

Boosting biodiversity locally and nationally, while developing connection to nature and vital skills for their futures

Using digital tools to map out and survey their outdoor spaces

Collecting real scientific data to aid nature recovery, with the difference everyone is making displayed on an online map

Register to join

National Education Nature Park

www.educationnaturepark.org.uk

DfE snapshot

Receive news and updates from the Department for Education about sustainability related topics.

Sign up [here]

Questions

Further Events

We are running more of these events in the future, and have two more EY specials coming up. Click **here** for more details.

Please connect on **LinkedIn** for the latest updates and events.

Thank you

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Our objective

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Who can request a Climate Ambassador?

- The Climate Ambassadors scheme is available to all nurseries and early years settings, primary and secondary schools, SEND schools and colleges in England.
- The scheme welcomes all settings, whether you're just getting started on your climate action planning journey, or whether you have a plan in place and are looking for specific support and expertise to progress it.

A whole setting approach

Sharing Lists – sustainability actions and activities need to be considered in a whole setting context and so sharing aims and actions with colleagues and getting their support and buy in is a key step in any sustainability journey.

1. Go to Saved – Top
2. Click on List you want to share
3. Click on Share List and copy the URL
4. Send URL with accompanying message to colleague

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Your dashboard

Make a request for support

View support Ambassadors have offered

Requesting support *(via Advertise Activity)*

Advertise an activity

About the activity

Activity name *
Climate Ambassador

What do you want the STEM Ambassadors to do? *
Other

Where will the activity take place?

Use my organisation address

Online

Add a new location by postcode *

Find

Address *

Town or city *

Promote your activity to STEM Ambassadors

What is the overall aim of your activity? *
Start developing a Climate Action Plan

Short description of your activity *
(This will be used to advertise your activity to STEM Ambassadors, so please describe what the STEM Ambassadors will be required to do as clearly as possible)

We are looking for a climate ambassador to support us with our climate action plan. We would like a climate ambassador to visit us and speak with our sustainability lead/leadership team on our progress to date and support us with the next steps of our sustainability journey.

Add this activity

Requesting support *(via Browse Offers)*

Browse Offers

29 Offers found

TITLE	TYPE	OWNER	AMBASSADOR'S AREAS OF EXPERTISE	SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS	SUGGESTED PARTICIPANTS AGE RANGE
Tackling Climate Change	Interactive classroom session		Mathematics Physics Engineering Earth Sciences Climate	Students	11-14 years
Climate Ambassador - Not Started, Just Starting or Emerging	Educator development / CPD		Biology Social Sciences Research Climate	Community/Non-School Group Teachers Technicians Parents/carers Governors	Working with teachers
An Introduction Into Sustainable Clothing and Climate	STEM Presentation / Q&A		Climate	Students Teachers	11-14 years 14-16 years 16-19 years 19+ years Working with teachers
Climate Ambassador – Just starting to develop our plan – All areas of a	Educator development / CPD		Climate	Teachers	Working with teachers

Search filters

Refine

Keywords

Climate

☐ Online Only

☐ In-person Only

Distance from

20

City / Postcode

SW1P 4HR

Participant ages

☐ 4-5 years

☐ 5-7 years

☐ 7-11 years

ONLINE OFFER

Climate Ambassador - Not Started, Just Starting or Emerging

2 hours

Number of Participants	Age Range	Participant Type
4	Working with teachers	Community/Non-School Group Teachers Technicians Parents/carers Governors

Aim

To introduce climate action plans to school staff or executive team and explore support available to your setting

Description

I can help a leadership team or teachers, or the sustainability lead to better understand what Climate Action Plans are for an education setting. I will work with you to begin, or to continue, to design and develop your climate action plan. I can sign-post you to other resources, tools and opportunities. Our initial meeting will explore any progress your setting currently has made in terms of the Climate Action Plan (e.g. reviewing actions you have already taken that fit within a plan) and help you to understand the subsequent actions that could to be taken. If desired, we can continue to work together over a period of time as your CAP takes shape.

Message

Express Interest

Regional support

East Anglia *(University of East Anglia)* - climateambassadors_ea@uea.ac.uk

East Midlands *(University of Nottingham)* -ca-eastmids@nottingham.ac.uk

London *(University College London)* - climateambassadors_london@ucl.ac.uk

North East *(Newcastle University)* - climateambassadors.ne@newcastle.ac.uk

North West *(Manchester Metropolitan University)* - climateambassadors_nw@mmu.ac.uk

South East *(University of Reading)* - climateambassadors_se@reading.ac.uk

South West *(Met Office)* - climateambassadors_sw@metoffice.gov.uk

West Midlands *(Keele University)* - climate-ambassadors.wm@keele.ac.uk

Yorkshire & Humber *(University of Leeds)* - climateambassadors_yh@leeds.ac.uk

https://climateambassadors.org.uk/get-involved/

Breadth and Depth

= **Aim:** a group of actions that will help you progress in your sustainability journey

= **Milestone:** a key achievement that will enable you to move forward

= **Action:** something your setting can do to become more sustainable. You can read about these in detail on the website.

Resources of the highest quality. See QA here.

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Exploring Aims

Aims - are groups of related **actions** arranged in a step by step sequence to help settings progress in an easy, logical and effective way.

Rather than focusing on individual **actions** in isolation, this approach provides a strategic framework & guidance that supports long-term progress.

To support you in taking each **action** you can use filters to find the most appropriate resources for your context.

We believe that this framework helps settings save time and plan each step effectively, following a clear path towards sustainability.

Saving Aims

- You can save all actions associated with an aim automatically into one list.
- You can create multiple lists
- You can also add or delete individual actions at any time

1

2

3