

Information from the Environmental Education Network meeting Babington College - Tuesday 2nd December 2014

Attended

Philippa Bigam (Granby Primary), Patricia Raxworthy (Humberstone Infants), Phil Morrish (Queensmead Academy), Sarah Hearn (Rolleston Primary), Michelle Forbes (Belgrave St. Peters), Rob Manger (English Martyrs'), Linda Simmonds (Babington), Katie Westacott (Walk to School Project), Bhavesh Chouhan (Mellor Primary), Shahnaz Patel (Alderman Richard Hallam), Lee Jowett (LCC).

Discussion points

Those who attended introduced themselves and LJ explained the purpose of the network meetings (to share ideas and experiences in schools in Leicester). Each meeting will have a theme and will give organisations opportunities to show schools what they can offer. After feedback/discussion, they will start slightly later 4pm and be 1 ½ hour.

LJ asked for feedback on various ways that the council could support schools. Schools asked for hands on opportunities such as the 10,000 tree challenge – 'could we have bulb planting in the community' (like 'garden guerrillas'). Suggestions for competitions and producing 'out of the box' campaigns were asked for. There is a Christmas card recycling example which LJ showed – this will be sent to schools to use.

One colleague mentioned that pupil premium would be suitable for some of the activities, depending which students took part.

LJ said he would find out about internal mail for sending Christmas Cards back to him. *LJ has checked and information about sending via internal mail (free to schools) will be distributed with the project details.*

Concerns were raised about schools being able to use YouTube, Skype and similar services. LJ to find out more about this as they may be issues trying to do Skype communication between schools and sending YouTube links for schools to use.

The Fairtrade Schools Conference and Eco-Schools Conferences were discussed and feedback was given on the types of workshops that would be offered and the format of the day.

A new checklist for Eco-Schools was shared with schools. It is also live on the schools extranet website. The address for the extranet is <http://schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools>

Colleagues were asked to feedback anything specific they would want in a resource that Biffa waste and recycling, as they are currently in the process of making new resources. There will be student workshops in January for student feedback.

Ideas were put forward to be discussed around composting and keyhole gardens. Claire Plumb and the Global learning library were discussed. Flyers were disturbed about the services offered. Further information can be found here <http://leicestermasayalink.org.uk/index.php/home/education-and-resources/global-learning-library/>



The next meeting will be at Whitehall Primary School, at 4pm on Wednesday 14th January 2015. The theme will be Fairtrade in preparation for Fairtrade fortnight in February.

Please feel free to forward me details to any colleagues who you think might be interested.

Thanks
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