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Don't forget:

MEEN runs on project funding but we continue to deliver our newsletter, maintain our website and run free network events for educationalists interested in Education for Sustainability.

If you would like to support MEEN's work please consider becoming a member:
<https://www.meen.org.uk/join/membership>

or make a donation at:
<https://www.meen.org.uk/donations>

MEEN would like to thank the Garfield Weston and Paul Simon – yes, THE Paul Simon – for supporting our work.

Is your school ready to take social action on the climate emergency?

MEEN would like to hear from high school eco teams or geography clubs who want to engage with a social action project. MEEN aims to recruit a new wave of high schools to explore innovative ways to action on climate change and facilitate and support young people as community educators.

Through a Learn, Act, Share approach we will create engaging ways through which your pupils can:

- take a leadership role in understanding issues and trialling ideas
- design and generate resources and solutions
- share knowledge through running Carbon Classrooms

This support will be provided by our newest member of staff, Flo, who will be working directly with schools across Manchester. If you are interested, email florence@meen.org.uk to find out more.

Carbon classrooms already run...

Carbon Classrooms have been run by Levenshulme High working with pupils from Cringle Primary, whilst St Peter's ran one with St Richard's RC Primary.



Primary schools Peel Hall and Canon Burrows ran one at the Mayor's Green Summit with Medlock Primary making a huge contribution to the University of Manchester's Student Union Green Fair.

Meanwhile the Eco team from MEA Central Academy ran a stall

at Manchester City Council's Youth Voice on climate change event sharing their research on the likely climate impacts in Manchester.



Carbon classrooms yet to come...

MEA Central are contributing to a conference at UCL 'Celebrating Children's Rights' and St Peter's eco team are lined up to deliver a carbon footprint session for trainee Science teachers at the Uni of Manchester.

**Greater
Manchester ESD
Forum and MEEN
AGM**

**Rewilding the City
– Is it possible?**

**With contributions
from an ecologist,
educationalist, an
eco-artist, and
anti-pesticide
campaigner**

**On Thursday
17th Oct 2019 at
3.00 – 6.00pm**

**Ziferblat
23, Edge Street,
Manchester M4
1HW**

**All welcome to
attend**

**To let us know you are
coming please email:
coordinator@meen.org.uk**

**Network News
Green Teach Meet at
Medlock Primary**

Medlock kindly hosted last term's Green Teach Meet which focused on air pollution, waste and recycling.



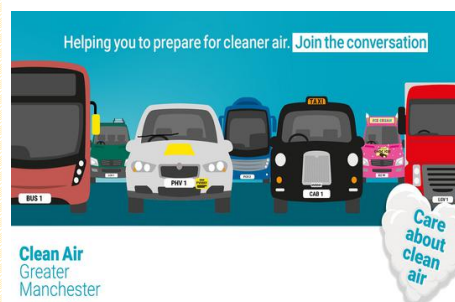
Medlock's Eco team shared their work before the eco coordinator led a school tour. The air quality monitor in the school grounds highlighted Groundwork's project on protecting playgrounds from pollution through planting hedges, a research project Richard Clark described. Then, Head, Steve Marsland, from Russell Scott Primary in Tameside explained how his pupils have become PCSOs in their school's attempt to improve local air quality, whilst Clean Air Levy shared their Clean Air Day activities. Emma Krijne-Kemp from Keep Manchester Tidy and Rachel Williams from Biffa ran a workshop on waste and recycling helping us understand what can be recycled and where our waste is sent for incineration.

Thanks to everyone for your participation.

**Network News
Clean Air Project for
Greater Manchester
schools**

MEEN is supporting a clean air project working in partnership with Philips, the University of Manchester and GAP.

Philips are donating air purifiers to schools in an attempt to improve the indoor air quality which young people are breathing. They recognise air pollution has many causes from traffic pollution, allergens, and the harmful chemicals which we bring into our buildings such as fire retardants.



The University of Manchester are involved to monitor changes the air purifier might make in the classroom.

The project has a KS2 resource to help schools focus on clean air as a topic and are offering a half-day workshop, which MEEN will help to deliver, with the schools that have signed up.



MEEN has an email network for Eco Coordinator's to share information across Greater Manchester.

MEEN also runs twilight network meetings for Eco Coordinators to share good practice.

We host the Greater Manchester ESD Forum which is aimed at educators who go into schools and deliver ESD. The aim is to share good practice in sustainability education and support each other. Go to: www.meen.org.uk for more information.

MEEN can be found on Facebook: www.facebook.com/meen.org.uk

And at: www.twitter.com/meenorguk

Get in touch! We want to hear your stories.

Network News STEM Ambassadors needed

The STEM Ambassador team in Greater Manchester are working on a pilot project in Wigan to inspire children with Science and Literacy and need your help. The pupils will be reading books that link to science topics and the team would like to meet people who work in or are passionate about: Conservation; environments, animals; wild or garden plants, deciduous or evergreen trees; sustainability (and in particular anything related to everyday objects); water (and how it can effect plants); habitats (and things that pose dangers to living things).

If you are interested in supporting this project in anyway, please get in touch at: ambassadors@sciencemuseum.ac.uk

The STEM Ambassador team manage the STEM Ambassador volunteers for Greater Manchester. The STEM Ambassador Programme is a government funded volunteering programme that engages and enthuses young people (aged 5-19) with all areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. STEM Ambassadors receive a free enhanced DBS check and support at least 1 activity every 12 months.

Network News Action for Conservation in the North

Action for Conservation is a young charity working with conservation organisations and young people aged 12-18 to encourage them to become the next generation of nature conservationists.

Their WildED school programme works with schools in urban areas to deliver workshops led by young conservation professionals from the field to create local conservation projects that positively impact biodiversity and builds soft skills. Five schools from GM and five from Liverpool are in the current programme.

Once the workshops have been run the pupils involved participate in a Dragon's Den style event to showcase their activities.

Action for Conservation also run Residential Conservation Camps for smaller groups at the National Trust Stackpole Outdoor Education Centre in Pembrokeshire where they have run five camps to date and are now developing the programme with National Parks. These young people are then tasked with becoming Ambassadors for the programme and for wildlife. For more information contact Emma Schofield at: emma@actionforconservation.org.



**Funding from:
Learning Through
Landscapes**

**What do you need
to help your school
become more
wildlife friendly?**

**Learning through
Landscapes Local
School Nature
Grants Programme,
supported by
players of People's
Postcode Lottery, is
an outdoor learning
grant fund.**

**It has two elements
– free outdoor
learning training
and £500 of
equipment for
schools.**

**For details and to
apply go to:**

**[https://www.ltl.org.uk/
projects/local-school-
nature-grants/](https://www.ltl.org.uk/projects/local-school-nature-grants/)**



National News Eco Schools National Awards 2019

These awards are being hosted at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester – so come on Greater Manchester schools get in those applications!

There are 10 topic awards, 3 Eco School of the Year awards, an Eco Coordinator of the Year award and a Lifetime Achievement award - which Canon Burrows CE in Tameside have already won!



So think of all the amazing things the Eco team have been up and then, If you want to nominate your school or eco coordinator, follow this link to submit your entry:

**[https://www.eco-
schools.org.uk/eco-schools-
national-awards-2019/](https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/eco-schools-national-awards-2019/)**

It needs to be done before Friday 25th October 2019 and winners will be contacted during the week beginning 4th November.

So share your stories and activities and get some rewards!

Global News UN Climate Change Teacher Academy

The educate programme has been launched by the UN to ensure that every school in the world has a well educated Climate Change teacher. It began as a partnership between UN CC: Learn and Harwood Education with the mission to bring high quality climate change content into all UK classrooms and beyond. This, they say can 'only be achieved through the dedication, imagination and creativity of teachers'.

The aspiration is to deliver a knowledge base to ensure pupils can learn more about adaptation, mitigation, sustainability, disaster risk strategy, the green economy and all aspects of climate change.

MEEN is aware of teachers who have already successfully undertaken the course: Louise Sutton from Canon Burrows CoE in Tameside has achieved the award and so too has Ben Allon, Geography teacher from MEA Central.

For more information, or to sign up to the programme, go to:
<https://www.educateglobal.org/>

It is free and takes an average of eight hours to qualify.