



SUMMER 2024



WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

It has been 40 years since CDEC first began supporting schools in Cumbria with Global Learning; a lot has happened both locally and globally since then. In the last 40 years, CDEC has worked with and supported (via membership and projects) between 70 and 100 schools annually. With your support, we've developed a range of great resources supporting global learning- from our book 'Meet Zogg' to our range of resource boxes, teaching aids and tools.

In the past 40 years we have developed areas of focus for our work, engaging us in thinking and acting from a justice perspective on: migration, climate and nature, fair trade, gender equity and health and wellbeing. These evolve and grow, depending on global events and local impacts.

To kick off our year of celebrating and reflecting, we are holding **an event on Monday 22nd July in Ambleside** and we would love teachers and young people to join us. Get your summer holiday started with a creative and interactive afternoon with the CDEC team (past and present)!

Our celebrations will continue throughout the 2024-25 academic year - **here are 3 ways you can get involved:**



- **Planting our Future** - do you want to improve biodiversity on your school grounds by planting trees, flowers, shrubs, hedges or vegetables? We are looking for 40 schools to sign up and we'll support with sourcing the plants and with the actual planting if needed
- **40 Activities** - we will be sharing resources and activities for all key stages designed to engage your pupils in thinking about themselves as active global citizens - and they'll be connected to CDEC's "4 Cs" - Compassion, Collaboration, Citizenship and Critical thinking
- **Podcast** - tune in to hear a range of people - local and global - offering their insights into Global Learning. And we would LOVE to feature you or your pupils on our podcast - celebrating the work you have done in your school on Global Learning

Find out more and sign up to get involved here - <https://bit.ly/CDEC40thForm>

As ever, we are so grateful and thankful for the enthusiasm and passion of our schools to support Cumbria's young people as they become active, global citizens - passionate about making their future world a fairer, more sustainable one.

Laura Goad | CDEC Director

CDEC MEMBERSHIP 2024-25

CDEC survives because of our member schools in Cumbria. If it wasn't for our member schools, we wouldn't be able to run projects, manage our resource library or share Global Learning throughout Cumbria for the benefit of our future global citizens.

As we look towards the summer holidays and start making our plans for next year, we'd like you to consider signing up for CDEC membership for 2024-25. As a member school you will be able to:

- **JOIN** our Global Learning Network
- **BORROW** our Resource Boxes
- **SIGN UP** for an introductory session where we will explore the benefits of embedding Global Learning in your school
- **WIN FREE BOOKS!**

A full list of the benefits of membership is on [this page of our website](#).

[Sign up for 2024-25 by filling in this form.](#)

If you have any questions about CDEC membership, please send an email to dan@cdec.org.uk

CDEC TRAINING COURSES 2024-25

CDEC member schools get one FREE place on CDEC-run courses during the year. Additional places cost £40pp for member schools and £45pp for non-member schools.

[Get full course details and book your places by filling in this form.](#)

Get in touch if you'd like to:

- book whole-school training
- talk to us about training to cover topics not listed below

send an email to geoff@cdec.org.uk to find out more.



Embedding Global Learning and the Sustainable Development Goals

Thursday 19th September // 3.30pm - 5pm // zoom



Leading for the Future - Pupil Voice in the Classroom

Tuesday 15th October // 3.30pm - 5pm // zoom

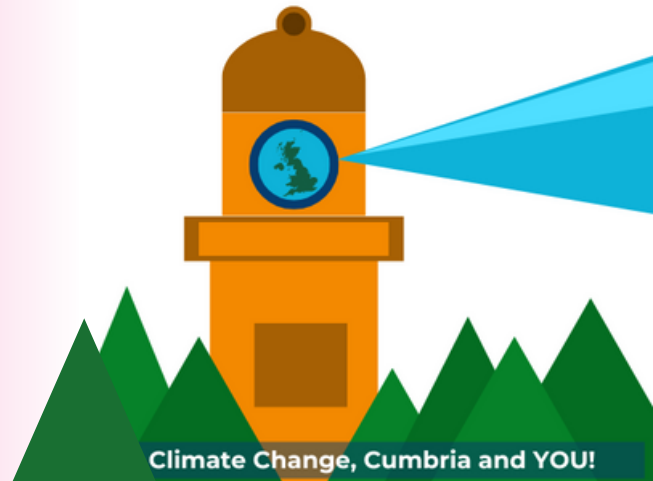


Your School Grounds - opportunities for learning and wellbeing

Thursday 28th November // 3.30pm - 5pm // zoom

The first two of our 40 activities are directly connected to our upcoming Youth Climate Summit and offer an opportunity for schools who can't make it on the day to be involved.

We will be sharing more activities in our monthly e-newsletters to member schools during the next academic year.



Our School's Climate Success

is a poster exhibition to showcase climate action projects in your school and to share your top tips with others

<https://bit.ly/3yXDPEH>

Letters to the Earth Campaign

gives your students a platform to express their thoughts and feelings about the climate crisis

<https://bit.ly/459c0Wc>

Our aim is to create a display of students' work from these activities to showcase our success and get our young people's voices heard!

If you need any support with these activities, please send an email to georgina@cdec.org.uk

WHERE ARE YOUR SCHOOL GROUNDS?

The obvious answer is “outside my school!”

But where else are they?

- Do they appear in your school development plan?
- Do they appear in your curriculum delivery plans?

Given what we know about the benefits of being outside in green spaces, both for learning and wellbeing, if the answer is no to either of the above questions the next question has to be “Why not?”

Most teachers when discussing the use of school grounds are able to give examples of positive learning experiences with their pupils in the outdoors, but they are also able to list a range of barriers that make these experiences much rarer than they should be. The purpose of this short article is to prompt you to spend some time, both individually and as a staff, to revisit where your school grounds are, and where you would like them to be.



Two schools in Wigton have taken action to improve the biodiversity in their grounds and connect their learners to nature.

At St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School the children have been involved planting hundreds of trees (supported by the Woodland Trust and the West Cumbria Rivers Trust), planting a wildflower meadow area, litter picking, engaging with a supermarket that neighbours the field and exploring the wildlife of the grounds. Through this work the children in Year 3 and 4 have achieved their John Muir Award.



As a stream runs through the grounds and the adjacent area of the town is prone to flooding, West Cumbria Rivers Trust have also created some scrapes on the field to hold water and create a fantastic wildlife habitat.



Pupils from St. Cuthbert's, Wigton exploring and discussing biodiversity, litter-picking and (bottom centre) tree-planting



At Wigton Nursery and Infant School there has been significant tree planting (supported by the Woodland Trust and the Tree Council's Orchards for Schools scheme), planting of a wildflower meadow area through Cumbria Wildlife Trust's Get Cumbria Buzzing, and a change of the mowing regime to create more conservation grassland (the easiest quick fix that nearly all schools could do to improve the biodiversity of their school grounds.)

Pupils from Wigton Nursery and Infant School have been planting trees, building a bug hotel and leaving field edges unmown

As one of the core threads within the DfE's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, the National Education Nature Park is a growing online resource designed to support learning in the school grounds, and to encourage the improvement of grounds for sustainability and biodiversity. Again though, there are significant barriers to engagement with the resource and activities, not least time for teachers and leaders.

One way to encourage engagement is money, and this year 19 Cumbrian schools were eligible for a £10,000 grant to engage with the Nature Park and develop areas of the school grounds, turning them from "grey to green". CDEC has been working with some of these schools and they will hopefully provide useful case studies for others to learn from over the next few months.

As part of our 40th anniversary celebrations we are recruiting 40 schools to engage with learning in their school grounds by 'Planting Our Future'. We are planning a range of activities that can be adapted to any school site, from planting 40 trees, to creating conservation grassland or places for growing vegetables, as well as a resource pack to accompany these activities.

Sign up to get involved - <https://bit.ly/CDEC40thForm>

If you'd like to explore ideas and plans for your school grounds with a member of the CDEC team, send an email to office@cdec.org.uk



Take part in the first ever Cumbria Wild Watch 27th-30th June



Cumbria Wild Watch has been developed by Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre as part of the PLACE (Paths to Leadership: Active Community Engagement) project led by CDEC and partners Another Way, Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS), and Lakeland Arts.

Cumbria Wild Watch is an opportunity to help establish a baseline of biodiversity in Cumbria and inform decision-making which impacts on wildlife across the county - and everyone can take part!

Simply spend up to an hour recording all the wildlife you can see – from plants to bugs and birds – while out and about in Cumbria during the last weekend in June.

Then submit your results to Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre via the iNaturalist app.

For more information, visit the [CBDC website](https://www.cbdc.org.uk)



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