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CLIMATE ACTION

Our golden thread for this issue is youth climate action. Help young people to foster a brighter, more sustainable future for our planet.



"I hope we will be able to make a difference before it is too late"

Quote from a young person at the Youth Climate Summit



In July 2023, 15 Cumbrian schools took part in the 2023 Youth Climate Summit. The summits are an opportunity for young people to connect with each other, share what they are doing in their own schools to address climate change and to learn something that they can take back to school and share with their peers. CDEC supports the design and delivery of the summits - but they are shaped, facilitated and hosted by young people.

Each year the summit has a different theme - chosen by young people. This year's was 'biodiversity and energy'. We would like to invite all schools to help us to choose the theme for next year's summit.

In this issue of the newsletter, we will share some of the workshops young people have taken part in over the past 3 years. We will also share some of the ideas for action they suggested to the Zero Carbon Cumbria sector groups.



Buildings - this group will focus on the energy used in buildings, particularly on the opportunities to insulate buildings and technologies such as heat pumps.



Consumption, waste and the circular economy - this group will focus on the things we buy including food, drink and other products.



Transport and mobility - this group will focus on the emissions associated with all aspects of transport



Farming and other land use - this group will focus on the emissions associated with farming and other aspects of land use including the opportunities to restore peat bogs and plant more trees.

Cumbria as a Beacon of Global Citizens - where young people are empowered and active global citizens.

This is our vision and we will continue to grow the ways in which we support schools and young people to be agents of change.

Activities, resources, workshops and more from the last 3 Youth Climate Summits can be accessed [via our padlet](#). These can be used with whole-class groups or eco-groups to support young peoples' ideas, action and leadership.

Here are 3 activities to get you started - click the titles to access the resources.

[BIODIVERSITY RECORDING](#)

1

This activity uses an app to help identify and record plant and animal species - it's a brilliant way to get young people engaged in the nature that surrounds them and contribute to scientific research, too!

[HOW TO LEAD A CAMPAIGN](#)

2

This powerpoint presentation will inspire young people to turn their passion into action and their ideas into campaigning!

[MAKE YOUR SCHOOL CARBON ZERO](#)

3

This workshop will help start conversations about the causes and effects of the climate crisis and offers some practical ways to reduce their school's carbon footprint.

YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT 2024 NEEDS A THEME

and we need as many young people as possible involved in deciding what it should be.

[PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM](#)

to let us know what your young people think.

The Youth Climate Summits are part of the Zero Carbon Cumbria programme, jointly chaired by CAfS (Cumbria Action for Sustainability) and the University of Cumbria.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Climate Leaders Project - CDEC is thrilled to announce our exciting new partnerships with schools in the Eden and South Lakeland districts, as they embark on their journey as climate leaders. As we continue to expand our network, we are eagerly seeking to collaborate with additional schools in the **Copeland** and **Allerdale** districts.

A Climate Café is an opportunity to gather people together in an open and safe space to discuss the climate crisis. They can be a great way to reassure young people that they are not alone - together we can share comfort, hope and meaningful actions.

CDEC is hosting a Climate Café for secondary school students to coincide with Global Learning Fortnight/COP28. It will take place **on zoom at 5pm on Thursday 7th December**. [SIGN UP HERE](#)

The Climate Curriculum is a set of classroom resources and lesson plans from our colleagues at Leeds DEC, as well as CPD training. They have used the UN's Sustainable Development Goal for Climate Action as a starting point to develop a set of Big Ideas, providing a summary of the most important things young people need to know about climate change by the time they leave school, complete with a set of learning outcomes. [Access the resource here](#) and let Georgina know if you'd like to sign up for the CPD training on 20th March 2023 (see below for details).

The Global Teachers Award will give you the skills, understanding and resources to be a confident global teacher and leader in your school. This online course will run on Thursdays 22nd & 29th Feb 2024 [find out more and book your place here](#)

CLIMATE LEADERS



THE FUTURE IS NOW



SAVE THE DATE

join us on **Wednesday 20th March** for our **Teaching a Climate Curriculum Training**

- Boost your confidence in seamlessly integrating climate change into your teaching, ensuring age-appropriate engagement.
- Equip you with a profound understanding of the climate crisis, offering a solid foundation for your own knowledge.
- Enable you to collaborate ideas and plan with teachers from other schools.

Stay tuned for further details on the venue (TBC) in Penrith.

Save the date and be prepared for an educational journey that will leave an impact!

Register your interest by emailing georgina@cdec.org.uk

CASE STUDIES

Ashfield Junior School

October was an exciting and action-packed month for Ashfield Juniors and their Global Goals group. They led a whole-school assembly to introduce their 'Think Global, Act Local' themed FUNdraising event for supporting Forever Angels (a baby home in Tanzania) and took part in Forever Project's 'What's your Kilimanjaro?'

The school united in purpose, hosting a non-uniform day, a cake sale and all ran the cumulative distance around Kilimanjaro.

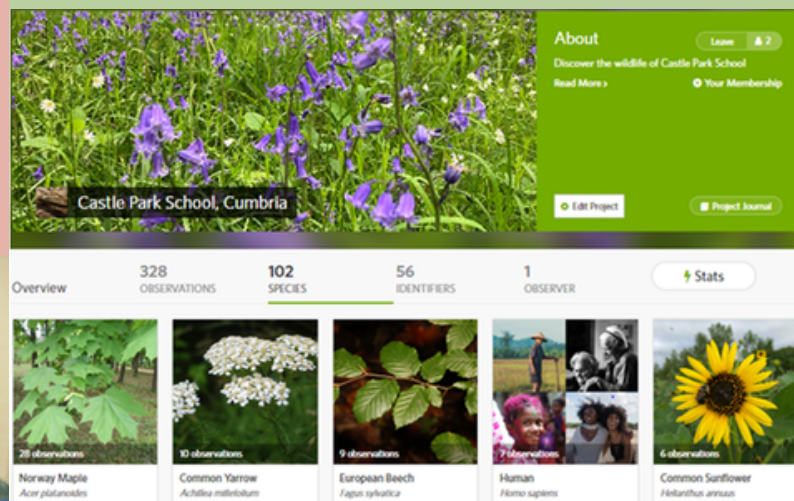


So far they have raised a remarkable £516! It is essential to recognize that every pound raised goes toward empowering women in Mwanza, Tanzania, and helping them establish their own businesses. Ashfield Juniors continues to shine as a beacon of global learning!

Castle Park School

At the youth climate summit, we attended a workshop by Rebecca from Cumbria Biodiversity Data Centre.

Since then, the 4 children who attended the workshop have trained up over 200 children on how to use the inaturalist app and we have created a project to 'Discover the Wildlife of Castle Park School'.



We have already identified over 102 different species just within our school grounds and we're hoping to increase biodiversity while using the app to help us measure our progress.

**WE WOULD LOVE
TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**TELL US ABOUT CLIMATE ACTION
IN YOUR SCHOOL
AND WE'LL SHARE YOUR SUCCESS
WITH OTHER CUMBRIAN SCHOOLS!**



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