



West Yorkshire Eco Educators Network

Summer Term Briefing July 2021

Hi Folks,

We had another information-full meet-up on Monday and were delighted to have new members join in from Leeds and Huddersfield, our network can support more educators this way. We were especially pleased to have Alison Barnes and Patrick Murphy from the NEU executive, and know they can add more information to our group.

There is such a lot of information on events we knew we needed to get this newsletter out very soon. Already posted in the WhatsApp group is the Let's Go Zero briefing:

<https://ashden.org/events/becoming-a-zero-carbon-school-getting-started-with-lets-go-zero-2/>

Let's Go Zero is financed by the charity Ashden and working with Global Education. Transform Your World website is carrying loads of information and resources for schools and they are even backed by UK Gov Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport. If you can join tonight at 3.30 pm follow the link to register.

At NEU Conference it was agreed to try to get all schools to sign up to start on the path to zero emissions <https://letsgozero.org> and we really want to push this over the next weeks so that schools have it in their plans for next year. Very few Yorkshire schools have signed up so we really need to get school leaders to see this is a really important thing to do, and that is the support needed for schools to respond to Climate Emergency.

Yesterday's Whole Education session will be available long-term on the web, and we will share the link via WhatsApp as soon as we receive it.

There are included briefings by Aim Hi on the excellent package of 4 CPD sessions 1x1hour that they are offering to all educators to do in live sessions online in September, at very small fees.

<https://www.aimhi.co/climate-course-for-teachers>, but also a careers focus from WWF, input from the Eden Project and of course a summary of Let's Go Zero.

So much activity in the next couple of weeks!

Next week the neighbouring network – Schools Climate Education.South Yorkshire are running an online conference 5-7 July and because it is online you are invited. There are lots of fabulous ideas there are Climate Education in the Schools Conference. You, or your class or your school can join in.

<https://www.scesy.org.uk/conference-programme-2021/>

There are so many meetings coming up over these next few days I wanted to get this out to you so that as many of you could join in. There is more to report from our meeting but that will follow shortly

Two more dates for the Diary

This is such an important year for the Climate and we in the UK have such an important role to play as the UK Government is hosting COP26 in Glasgow, in November.

The **Congress Of the Parties** meets for the 26th time to discuss the Climate Crisis that is here and wreaking havoc with the Climate and Nature already. New Actions need to be taken and we need to push our Government to take these actions now and to push the rest of the world to do the same. For all the talk and targets over the past 26 Climate COP meetings, the crisis continues to escalate, **we must act now.**

We decided that when all of you lovely educators had had a break from school we would take the extraordinary step of having 2 meetings during the summer so that we can plan further activity before term starts again.

Meetings are set up for

5 August and 16th of August at 9.30am so you don't have to get up too early, but can still do stuff during the day.

All Educators interested, hosted by the NEU but open to all educators.

Topic: **Eco Educators**

Time: **Aug 5, 2021 09:30 AM** London

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Time: Aug 16, 2021 09:30 AM London

I will gather the rest of the reports, ideas and resources up over the next few days. If any of you have any other ideas or dates to add in please send copy to be pasted in

Enjoy the rest of the week and the sunshine, and do take care with social distancing, masks and hand washing – the rates are really high around here now again. Check up on the NEU Covid map: <https://schoolcovidmap.org.uk>

Best wishes,
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