#### West Eco Educators Network Newsletter

# **COP27 Edition**



Hi all to all you Eco Educators,

Hope you have had a good Half Term break.

There is so much going on over the next couple of weeks to build on the impetus of COP27, and for us to highlight the challenges we face whilst the spot light is on COP27 I have collected up a list of dates and events that you may be join in, or persuade others in your schools to join in.

There are pupil/student focussed events, and ones for educators and some especially for heads and governors.

The NEU and TUC have organised a series of CPD sessions that are open to people in other trade unions and even if not in one yet.

And of course there is a huge range of information on the United Nations site <a href="https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/cop27">https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/cop27</a>

Do have a scroll through – I have started with the Young People Focussed dates, but please do look at the CPD for Educators

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** − Running for the Planet Relay − (Running Out of Time) Join our Global Schools Action Day on Thursday 3rd November!

#### 614,331 pupils from 1,707 schools in 104 countries have joined!

The Global Schools Action Day is a day for schools around the world to unite, demonstrate how local actions have global impacts, and be heard at COP27!

It offers an unforgettable opportunity for your students to join the call for universal Quality Climate Education, take part in a range of fun activities, and engage with programmes and resources from the world's leading environmental education organisations!

Simply register your school below and we'll send you everything you need!

Sign up - it's FREE!

#### **Global Schools Action Day Toolkit**

Please click on the link below to download a pdf detailing recommended activities to engage and empower your students! A set of additional activities will be updated regularly with additional climate action resources from our education partners.

Open Toolkit PDF

#### Monday 7th Pupil focussed

Transform Our World Youth Summit: We'd love to hear from your students on what power is...



Power is video - Transform Our World Youth Ambassador

For this year's Transform Our World Youth Summit, we're asking young people to send us their creative responses to what power is, in short videos of them saying 'Power is...' like this video from some of our Youth Summit presenters. It could also be in the form of a poem or picture - we'd love to see them shared on social media with the hashtag #TOWYouthSummit.

Free, and happening online from 7-18th November - the same time as COP27 is happening in Egypt - the Summit will be bringing schools together online for climate learning and discovery sessions.

Check out the timetable of 18 youth-led sessions across the fortnight which explore

power in different ways – from the power of nature, to the power and pitfalls of social media, to asking ourselves how we can take care with our power.

**Book your school's place** by clicking to download the sessions you want to your own calendar. That's all you need to do to join - just click on the invite on the day and join the session.

### Monday 7th November. 3.45-4.45pm

Climate education - <a href="https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN">https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN</a> qFEAOxloSwi0B24 xIHCsw

#### West Yorkshire Eco Educators 7-8pm

And of course our next meeting of the West Yorkshire Eco Educators Network – we are always very focussed.

Topic: West Yorkshire Eco Educators Time: Nov 7, 2022 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/j/94131642417?pwd=OTBkMjRFeFJDUkpvQkFXZGJTL2dBdz09

Meeting ID: 941 3164 2417 Passcode: GreenWeek

# Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 5pm

 Fit for the Future - Why we need to make our education buildings greener, safer and healthier places and how to get started - <a href="https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN-V2bwSa3bQ5mKOcKXkcoErQ">https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN-V2bwSa3bQ5mKOcKXkcoErQ</a>

Teacher Sustainability Curriculum Support Group

#### **Tuesday 8th November**, 7-8 pm:

• Energy in the curriculum with Paula Malone, **Energy Sparks**.

# Wednesday 9th November 11am-11.30

How to become a successful Eco-School - <a href="https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_y4fT1WqdQ5S0nikzXXFKIA">https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_y4fT1WqdQ5S0nikzXXFKIA</a>

# Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 5-6pm

 Teach the Teacher – An introduction to the climate crisis and teaching climate in the classroom <a href="https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN 004SQLimR-2rHyXfgW97bA">https://neu-org-uk.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN 004SQLimR-2rHyXfgW97bA</a>

# Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November - the middle weekend of COP27 people around the World are calling for their leaders to ACT NOW!

There will be mobilisations around the World.



Last year the Yorkshire Mobilisation was in Leeds – this year it is Sheffield Please do bring banners, friends placards and tell everyone else to come too!



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Bold Solutions <sup>5</sup> The economic, climate and energy crises and how we fix them

# **Bold Solutions: The economic, climate and energy** crises and how we fix them

A TUC conference on solutions to the energy, climate and economic crises Both our economy and our planet are in crisis.

Bills and sea levels are rising at an unprecedented rate. Nationally, the cost-of-living scandal is driving absolute poverty and forcing millions into increasingly desperate conditions. Globally, climate change is threatening the lives and livelihoods of billions of workers. These crises are parallel and inter-linked. We urgently need a politics that builds a safe climate for future generations, a rapid and just transition with quality jobs, and an economy that rewards work, not wealth. The TUC is convening a conference to bring trade union and climate activists together to gather solutions.

How do we combine our struggles for an equitable cost of living, workers' rights and a just transition to climate safety?

**Online workshop for trade union reps and activists:** Thursday 17 November 2022, 18.00-20.30, via Zoom - <u>REGISTER for the online workshop</u>

**In-person conference:** 1 December 2022, 09.30-17.30, Congress House, Great Russell Street, WC1B 3LS - **REGISTER for the in-person conference** 

# Friday 18th November COP27 due to finish

December 1<sup>st</sup>

There are lots of curriculum ideas, letters to be written to the Earth, to the Future, and a poetry competition sponsored by Greenpeace.

Write a poem for the planet - Greenpeace competition closing 1st December



Greenpeace and National Poetry Day Poetry have partnered up for their firstever poetry competition. Open to all ages from 7 and above, they want to hear students' lively limericks and heartful haikus on the theme of hope and the environment.

Deadline is 1st October.

Poems for the planet competition

There are plenty of opportunities for Research and Debate!!

Why are Global South Countries demanding Loss and Damage monies?

Should the King go to COP27? Should the Prime Minister?

We all have our fingers crossed that COP27 produces the breakthough that all previous COPs have aimed to find...

In the meantime we have important work to do to educate our students and their communities to make the changes we need to see.

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See you next Monday...

In solidarity with the Planet

Catherine and Sally.