

SLC SECONDARY SCHOOLS



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY



TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH

Learning for Sustainability Conference for Teachers

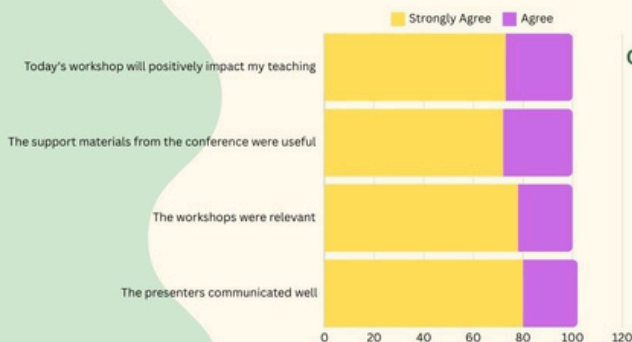
On Monday 18th November, SLC hosted a highly successful Learning for Sustainability Conference for teachers, with 150 practitioners from Early Years, Primary, and Secondary in attendance. Organised in partnership with the South Lanarkshire Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability, the event brought to light the powerful ideas of young people regarding climate change and sustainability education. The conference showcased various opportunities for teachers to engage with these themes in their classrooms.

LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE FOR TEACHERS NOVEMBER 2024

Local Authorities:

- South Lanarkshire Council
- East Dunbartonshire Council
- East Renfrewshire Council
- Renfrewshire Council
- West Dunbartonshire Council
- Inverclyde Council
- East Ayrshire Council
- Scottish Borders Council

- Early Years 33
- Primary 83
- Secondary 31
- Other 33
- **Total = 180**



Overall effectiveness of today's session:



Listening to the children relating to their comments about anxiety and stress relating to exposure to sustainability and climate change.

Listening to the pupil voice from the ambassadors was impactful.

I thought the pupils spoke very well and were inspiring!

The key speakers were excellent! I found them really inspirational and emotional at times.

Pupil presentations were excellent.

I loved hearing from the youth forum members it was so impactful

Inputs from pupils were excellent

Hearing the children discussing the impact the SLC Youth Forum has had on their lives.

All elements were useful but I thought that the speech by Faith Gilmour was inspirational. She was brilliant and should be very proud of herself.

The workshops and hearing from pupils

The voice of pupils was very inspiring



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KEEP SCOTLAND BEAUTIFUL: YOUNG REPORTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT



On 27th November, our Youth Forum received training from Keep Scotland Beautiful on Young Reporters for the Environment project. This is an environmental journalism programme and competition that gives young people the opportunity to speak on environmental issues they feel strongly about through writing, photography, and videos.

Opportunity to win £1000 for your school by completing the Big Climate and Nature Education Survey is an online survey that gives students across whole schools a chance to have their say on climate change, nature and education. All schools across the UK are able to take part and contribute to national research on students' views in this area.

BIG CLIMATE AND NATURE EDUCATION SURVEY



CLIMATE 180 PROJECT



Through effective professional development and support to overcome barriers to change, Climate School 180 aims to inspire and deliver a quality climate change education to all children and young people.

The project seeks to address school needs around culture, curriculum and pedagogy, and prioritise challenges around climate justice and equity. We will partner with 180 schools, and for many this will be a 180° turn around in how climate change education is approached and delivered.

5 RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ✓ RSPB Big Birdwatch Live Lesson with Keep Scotland Beautiful - suitable for lower secondary
- ✓ Litter and Waste Spring Clean Week 2025 Live Lesson with Keep Scotland Beautiful
- ✓ CLPL offers from WOSDEC for 2025
- ✓ Dynamic Earth's bookable sessions for 2025 including Conservation, Meteorology and Climate Change
- ✓ SLC Learning for Sustainability Conference for Teachers padlet resource

YOUTH FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Upcoming meetings August - November:

- ✓ • Meeting 1 - 28th August ([meeting agenda here](#))
- ✓ • Meeting 2 - 19th September ([meeting agenda here](#))
- ✓ • Meeting 3 - 24th October ([meeting agenda here](#))
- ✓ • Meeting 4 - 27th November ([meeting agenda here](#))
- Meeting 5 - 9th January
- Meeting 6 - 12th February

Meetings take place every 5 weeks.



Introduce your pupils to the Sustainable Development Goals and inspire them to take action to fight inequality and injustice, end extreme poverty and tackle climate change.

Scotdec's 17 colourful postcards are designed to teach secondary-aged young people about the Sustainable Development Goals and to discover ways to address the issues in their own communities and further afield. Each postcard has an activity for introducing a goal and ideas for exploring it further in the classroom.

