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## **MERSEYSIDE SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS NETWORK SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER**

Hello Everyone

Hope you have had a lovely summer!

Here's our next newsletter- we hope you find it useful.....

**NEWS....NEWS.....NEWS.....NEWS!!**

### **LIVERPOOL WORLD CENTRE NEWS**

Hi everyone

Just to let you know that at the end of September, I will be leaving Liverpool World Centre. I have really enjoyed working at the Centre and can't believe it's been three years! I am leaving to go freelance with a view to moving to North Yorkshire in a year or two. A new Global Dimension Officer will hopefully be in post by November. I wish you all well with your global endeavours.

Sandy

### **NETWORK SUPPORT**

#### **Rotters**

Rotters are successfully running allotment projects for schools in the south side of Liverpool with three local Speke schools. The children regularly maintain their own sections of allotments, in conjunction with the fire service, ARCH, and Rotters. If you are based in South Liverpool and would like to get involved or would like more information on the projects, please contact Ruth Parle at [ruth\\_parle@rootters.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:ruth_parle@rootters.eclipse.co.uk)

Ruth Parle is also our case study of the month; please see below for more details.

#### **Lancashire Wildlife Trust**

Action for Sustainable Living and Lancashire Wildlife Trust are launching their sustainable schools support package 'A Few Small Steps' this term. Delivered by sustainability mentors, and education officers it will provide an inspiring learning experience and effective action programme for the whole school community. Schools signing up to the project will be provided with a twelve-month support package helping staff and students to reduce energy consumption, increase recycling rates and improve their school's food culture. A Few Small Steps is pleased to offer the first 20 schools signing up to the 2009/10 programme a 30% discount and £700 worth of energy saving light-bulbs.

The package involves support over a year and covers waste, energy, climate change, food and school grounds. You will receive support through classroom activities, staff INSET days, planning meetings, audits, community/celebration events, assistance with funding bids and eco-school council meetings.

Benefits of this Programme:

- Improve aspects of Ofsted & SEF reporting
- Save money on bills in the face of rising fuel costs
- Deliver the National Curriculum in a real life context
- Encourage social responsibility and global citizenship
- Enhance Eco-schools & Healthy Schools status
- Develop school and wider community links

To find out more about how A Few Small Steps can work with your school please contact Liz Webley at [ewebley@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:ewebley@lancswt.org.uk)

## **THEATRE FOR EDUCATION**

### **The case, of the carbon waste:**

The Liverpool World Centre has recently opened its doors into the world of Theatre in Education creating a short performance piece for primary and secondary schools looking at the UK's waste of carbon emissions. It is a short 10-15 minute piece that covers drama, discussion and interaction to look at the day to day wastage that people do adding to our "carbon footprint", building to the average Briton expelling 10.92 tons of carbon emissions, per year. The piece is designed to address carbon usage, wastage and to increase ideas for recycling.

The piece has already showcased at Broadgreen International School where it was very highly received by both pupils and staff, where after delivering the piece LWC were given this evaluation;

"On behalf of the school we would like to thank you again for the assemblies you did for us. All the heads of year were really impressed with the unique way you presented the issue at hand and were particularly pleased with the way you both interacted with the pupils. I have no doubt that we will require your services again in the future." (June 2009)

If you are interested in having '*The case, of the carbon waste*' come to your school please e-mail Jason Ward [Jason@liverpoolworldcentre.org](mailto:Jason@liverpoolworldcentre.org) or Nick Blackhall [nick@liverpoolworldcentre.org](mailto:nick@liverpoolworldcentre.org)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

By becoming a member of the Liverpool World Centre it allows you to use and borrow the resources we have in our Resource Hub and take them into your schools to help teach the children about issues you are covering, or even use them for your own pleasure. To become a member visit our website at [www.liverpoolworldcentre.org](http://www.liverpoolworldcentre.org) and fill out our members form.

## **CASE STUDY OF THE MONTH**

Check out our website for the case study of the month. This month features Ruth Parle who works for Rotters. Their aim is to reduce landfill in the local area and to directly have an impact on the climate and local environment by the reselling of high quality compost. Ruth is the education officer in Rotters, and delivers an education package to schools covering all stages, Infants, Primary and Secondary schools. Ruth is also involved in a project which involves the fire fighters in Speke. For more information and to view the case study, go to [www.liverpoolworldcentre.org](http://www.liverpoolworldcentre.org)

## **RESOURCE BOXES**

Liverpool World Centre is putting together resource boxes to help you teach a subject area at ease. The boxes will include books, activities, lesson plans and sometimes even DVDs or Videos (subject to availability). They will also include topics of Fair Trade, Climate Change, Sustainability, Africa, South America, Travel and Tourism and the Millennium Development Goals. For more information about the resource boxes or if you would like to purchase one of these boxes then please contact Pablo at [pablo@liverpoolworldcentre.org](mailto:pablo@liverpoolworldcentre.org) or phone on 0151 708 6515

## **TRAINING AND EVENTS**

### **Liverpool World Centre Training Events**

**Philosophy for Children (P4C):** Appropriate for all people working with young people who are exploring difficult issues, and seeking to improve critical thinking skills.

P4C Course: This course explores the key issues of the Global Dimension and Citizenship through the approach of Philosophy for Children. Philosophy for Children (P4C) is a highly effective way of promoting critical, creative and emotional literacy in young people.

The course takes place over two days and there are two sets of dates available;

- 21-22 October 2009 (Liverpool venue to be confirmed)
- 18-19 November 2009 at Liverpool Hope University, L16 9J

**Thinking of Linking:** A step by step guide to establishing and international school link.

*Thinking of Linking:* School linking can offer an exciting, dynamic and engaging means to make global education come alive for pupils and staff, and support learning outcomes for global citizenship.

25th November, Gateway Conference Centre, Liverpool

For more information or to book onto these training events please ring on 0151 708 6515 or email [pablo@liverpoolworldcentre.org](mailto:pablo@liverpoolworldcentre.org)

### **Mersey Basin Week 2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

Mersey Basin Week will run 2-11 October. Sponsored by Viridor it's the last Mersey Basin Week, and they wish to build on the successes of previous years and make this the best one ever!

If you have an event in this week please register it as a Mersey Basin Week event, and if you haven't already organised one Mersey Basin Week is a good reason to set an event up. Anything with an environmental theme can count and grants of up to £100 are available.

For more information please visit [www.merseybasin.org.uk](http://www.merseybasin.org.uk) and go to Events and Awards and click on Viridor Mersey Basin Week.

### **One World Week 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October**

This year's theme is Hungry for One World; it is about bringing people together from diverse cultures or faiths to explore how we can contribute to alleviating the hunger we see around the world.

Everybody can take part in this event by doing inter-faith peace walks, fair trade stalls, international parties, and much more as it is an opportunity for people of different faiths and cultures to meet. For information on One World Week and to view different events taking place or to register your event please visit [www.oneworldweek.org](http://www.oneworldweek.org)

### **Oxfam climate change conferences for young people**

Oxfam is launching a programme of regional conferences and is inviting schools across England to get involved. The Manchester event is planned for Monday 19 October and will support curriculum requirements for responsible citizenship at KS 3 and 4, including critical thinking and enquiry, advocacy and representation, and taking informed and responsible action.

For more information Contact Jo-Anne Witcombe, 0161 234 2793 or email [jwitcombe@oxfam.org.uk](mailto:jwitcombe@oxfam.org.uk)

## **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

### **Merseytravel**

Merseytravel now have their new 'Sustainable Development' resource for KS2/3 available now for schools, it is free of charge. For more information please contact [chris.murphy@merseytravel.gov.uk](mailto:chris.murphy@merseytravel.gov.uk)

### **Our Planet**

Our Planet is the new interactive renewable energy website for 4 to 16 year olds. It takes you through each of the renewable energies, providing you with information on what it is, how it works, and much more. It also provides quizzes, comic strips and videos and pictures to help you understand and have fun learning about the renewable energy sources. To visit the website go to [www.ourplanet.org.uk](http://www.ourplanet.org.uk)

### **Introduction to Global School Partnerships- Online Course**

This course provides an outline of the principles and practices of global education partnerships between schools in the UK and schools in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. For more information please visit [www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-onlinecourse](http://www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-onlinecourse)

### **10:10**

10:10 is an ambitious project to unite every sector of British society behind one simple idea: that by working together we can achieve a 10% cut in the UK's carbon emissions in 2010. For more information and to commit to this project please visit [www.1010uk.org](http://www.1010uk.org)

**Hope this helps your school become more sustainable!!**

**Winter is coming fast so remember to wear those jumpers instead of putting the heating on, it will save you some money and help conserve our planet, see you in November!!**

**Liverpool World Centre Team**

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**Community Cohesion and Global Dimension Conference for Teachers: 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
For more details go to [www.globalclassrooms.co.uk](http://www.globalclassrooms.co.uk)