

# Eco-Schools Online Training Prospectus 2020-2021



Eco-Schools



Thank you for taking the time to consider our Eco-Schools online training 2020-2021. Like every organisation, Eco-Schools has had to adapt to the global situation surrounding COVID-19. After consultation with our schools and Eco-Coordinators, we have developed a series of online Eco-Schools training sessions that includes bespoke materials, live Zoom chats and ongoing support to help new and existing schools on their journey to Eco-Schools Green Flag.

We hope you find a course that suits you - as always thank you for your support.

**Please note: This training prospectus contains new training dates for a series of sessions beginning in February and ending in June. It also contains two training sessions from our previous series of training which end in January 2021 and are at the beginning of the prospectus.**

#### The Eco-Schools team



# New Course Dates & Costs

Code

| New Training Sessions   |          |        |
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| <b>Achieving Bronze Award: Steps 1-3</b><br>Monday 1st February 2021—Friday 26th February 2021  | Closed   | BA13   |
| <b>Topic Ideas 1: Global Citizenship, Litter, School Grounds, Transport, Water</b><br>Monday 1st March 2021—Friday 12th March 2021  | Closed   | TI1    |
| <b>Topic Ideas 2: Biodiversity, Energy, Healthy Living, Marine, Waste</b><br>Monday 15th March 2021—Friday 26th March 2021  | Closed   | TI2    |
| <b>Topic Ideas Bundle</b><br>Monday 1st March 2021—Friday 26th March 2021<br>This bundle includes both the Topic Idea training courses.   | Closed   | TIB    |
| <b>Achieving Silver Award: Steps 4-5</b><br>Monday 19th April 2021—Friday 14th May 2021   | Closed   | SA45   |
| <b>Achieving First Eco-Schools Green Flag: Steps 6-7</b><br>Monday 17th May 2021—Friday 11th June 2021  | £40 +VAT | GFF672 |
| <b>Achieving Renewal Eco-Schools Green Flag</b><br>Tuesday 18th May 2021—Friday 11th June 2021  | £40 +VAT | GFR172 |
| <b>Green Flag Training Bundle</b><br>Monday 1st February 2021—Friday 11th June 2021<br>This bundle includes the following courses: Achieving Bronze Award, ONE Topic Ideas session of your choice, Achieving Silver Award and Achieving First Eco-Schools Green Flag. | Closed   | GFTB   |

# Achieving Bronze Award: Steps 1-3

## Course Code BA13



### Aim

To achieve and celebrate Eco-Schools Bronze Award success with your school whilst submitting an Environmental Review in preparation for your first Eco-Schools Green Flag.



### Objectives

- Introduce the Eco-Schools programme whilst also adhering to COVID-19 guidance for schools.
- Set up a pupil led school Eco-Committee.
- Carry out an Environmental Review of your school building and grounds.
- Formulate a SMART Eco-Schools Action Plan.



### Key Dates

Monday 1st February 2021 until Friday 26th February 2021.

- Monday 1st February 16:30 introductory Zoom session. Including release of training materials.
- Wednesday 24th February 16:30 live Q&A Zoom session with Eco-Schools team and other course participants.
- Friday 26th February 17.00 submission of Environmental Review for Eco-Schools team to check.

### Course Contents Includes:

- Introduction to the Eco-Schools Seven Steps and Ten Topics.
- Guidance on beginning the Eco-Schools programme and using the Eco-Schools website/resources.
- Breakdown of the Eco-Schools criteria for steps 1-3 including how the Eco-Schools team assesses these steps.
- Staff activities to build engagement.

**Cost £40 +VAT or included in Green Flag Training Bundle**

# Achieving Silver Award: Steps 4-5

## Course Code SA45



### Aim

To achieve the Silver Award success with your school whilst also gathering and submitting evidence in preparation for your first Eco-Schools Green Flag.

### Objectives

- Integrate environmental issues into a variety of curriculum.
- Gather environmental curriculum evidence quickly and simply.
- Discover ways to involve your whole school and the wider school community in your Eco-Schools work whilst adhering to COVID-19 guidance for schools.
- Determine the best ways for your school to celebrate its Eco-Schools work including the creation of an Eco-Board to help promote your Eco-Schools actions.



### Key Dates

Monday 19th April 2021 until Friday 14th May 2021.

- Monday 19th April 16:30 introductory Zoom session including release of materials.
- Wednesday 12th May 16:30 live Q&A Zoom session with Eco-Schools team and other course participants.
- Friday 14th May 17.00 submission of Eco-Board evidence for Eco-Schools team to check.

### Course Contents Includes:

- Breakdown of the Eco-Schools Criteria for steps 4 + 5 including how the Eco-Schools team assesses these steps.
- Guidance on embedding environmental issues in your curriculum.
- Easy ways to gather curriculum links.
- Multiple ways to inform and involve your school community.

**Cost £40 +VAT or included in Green Flag Training Bundle**

# Achieving First Eco-Schools

## Green Flag: Steps 6-7

Course Code GFF672



### Aim

To achieve and celebrate becoming an international Green Flag Eco-School.

### Objectives

- Review and evaluate the success of your planned Eco-Schools actions.
- Create an Eco-Code for your school to showcase the work that has been carried out by your Eco-Committee.
- Access one-to-one support with your final steps to Green Flag success.
- Complete your online Eco-Schools Green Flag application and submit during a live Zoom chat alongside other Eco-Coordinationators from across the country!



### Key Dates

Monday 17th May 2021 until Friday 11th June 2021.

- Monday 17th May 16:30 introductory Zoom session including release of materials.
- Wednesday 9th June 16:30 live Zoom online Green Flag application completion with Eco-Schools team and other course participants!
- Friday 11th June notification of Green Flag application status!

### Course Contents Include:

- Breakdown of the Eco-Schools Criteria for steps 6 + 7 including how the Eco-Schools team assesses these steps.
- Multiple ways to monitor and evaluate your Eco-Schools projects ranging from simple to complex.
- Engaging pupils in the creation of an Eco-Code and embedding it in your school.
- How to successfully apply for an Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

**Cost £40 +VAT OR included in Green Flag Training Bundle**

# Achieving Renewal Eco-Schools Green Flag

## Course Code GFR172



### Aim

To renew your international Eco-Schools Green Flag whilst strengthening eco-actions and achieving long-term Eco-Schools success.

### Objectives

- Evaluate and adapt your work on all Seven Steps to reinvigorate the Eco-Schools programme in your school.
- Establish ways to expand the impact of your Eco-Schools actions both nationally and globally.
- Access one-to-one support to renew your Eco-Schools Green Flag.
- Speak to a network of longstanding Eco-Coordinators to develop sustainable best practice and share ideas.

**This course is only open to those schools renewing their Eco-Schools Green Flag. We recommend the Green Flag Training Bundle for new Eco-Coordinators who have taken over a multiple Green Flag Eco-School.**

### Key Dates

Tuesday 18th May 2021 until Friday 11th June 2021.

- Tuesday 18th May 16:30 introductory Zoom session including release of materials.
- Thursday 10th June 16:30 live Q&A Zoom session with Eco-Schools team and other course participants.
- Friday 11th June 17.00 supporting evidence for Green Flag renewal to be sent to Eco-Schools team.

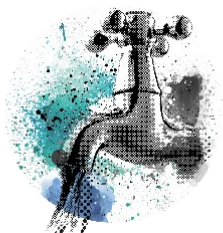
### Course Contents Include:

- Breakdown of the Eco-Schools Criteria for steps 1–7 including how the Eco-Schools team assess these steps.
- Examples of best practice for each of the Seven Steps.
- Going beyond the Eco-Schools criteria for each of the Seven Steps.
- Sharing of ideas with other successful Eco-Schools.

**Cost £40 +VAT**

# Topic Ideas 1: Global Citizenship, Litter, School Grounds, Transport, Water

## Course Code T11



### Aim

To develop a range of topic actions that are suitable to the needs of your setting and for your Action Plan.

### Objective

- Discover successful project ideas from Green Flag Eco-Schools for the Global Citizenship, Litter, School Grounds, Transport and Water topics.
- Formulate ideas to generate income for your school via Eco-Schools topic actions.
- Reduce your schools carbon footprint.
- Identify common barriers to Action Plan success.
- Formulate a plan to monitor and evaluate the projects decided on in your Action Plan.

### Key Dates

Monday 1st March 2021 until Friday 12th March 2021.

- Monday 1st March 16:30 introductory Zoom session including release of materials.
- Wednesday 10th March 16:30 live Q&A Zoom session with Eco-Schools team and other course participants.
- Friday 12th March send Action Plan to Eco-Schools team for support and recommendations (unless also completing Topic Ideas 2 session).

### Course Contents Includes:

- 30 environmental project ideas, split into three categories:
  - Climate
  - Litter
  - General
- Guidance on merging existing environmental projects into your Eco-Schools work and achieving the best results from your Action Plan.

**Cost £40 +VAT OR included in Topic Ideas Bundle OR Green Flag Training Bundle**

# Topic Ideas 2: Biodiversity, Energy, Healthy Living, Marine, Waste

## Course Code TI2

### Key Dates

Monday 15th March 2021 until Friday 26th March 2021.

### Aim

To develop suitable topic actions that are suitable to the needs of your setting and completing an individual Action Plan.

### Objectives

- Discover successful project ideas from Green Flag Eco-Schools in the Biodiversity, Energy, Healthy Living, Marine and Waste topics.
- Formulate ideas to generate income for your school via Eco-Schools topic actions.
- Reduce your school's carbon footprint.
- Identify common barriers to Action Plan success.
- Formulate a plan to monitor and evaluate the projects decided on in your Action Plan.

- Monday 15th March 16:30 introductory Zoom session including release of materials.
- Wednesday 24th March 16:30 live Q&A Zoom session with Eco-Schools team and other course participants.
- Friday 26th March send Action Plan to Eco-Schools team for support and recommendations.

### Course Contents Includes:

- 30 environmental project ideas, split into three categories:
  - Climate
  - Funding
  - General
- Guidance on merging existing environmental projects into your Eco-Schools work and achieving the best results from your Action Plan.

**Cost £40 +VAT or included in Topic Ideas Bundle OR Green Flag Training Bundle**

# FAQs

## **What age range or key stage are these Eco-Schools training sessions aimed at?**

Each of these training sessions are relevant for Eco-Coordiators with pupils from Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage 5 with differentiated advice for all age groups.

## **I work in an SEN school, is this training relevant for me?**

Yes, every school is different and these training courses address flexibility around the Eco-Schools criteria to ensure the Eco-Schools programme is suitable to all.

## **I am interested in the Eco-Schools programme, but not currently employed by an educational institution—can I register for the course?**

Unfortunately not, these courses are designed to guide registered schools (or nurseries) to Eco-Schools Green Flag success, so are not available to individuals not employed by an educational institution.

## **How do I pay for Eco-Schools training courses?**

Please complete an application form found on the [Eco-Schools website here](#) or by going to Get Involved > Training on the Eco-Schools website. When you have submitted your form, the Eco-Schools team will send an invoice to the email address you have provided.

## **Which course should I enroll on?**

Please read through the guides included to choose the best course(s) for you—if you have any more questions please e-mail us [eco-schools@keepbritaintidy.org](mailto:eco-schools@keepbritaintidy.org)

## **Can I go complete more than one course?**

Of course, but if you do want to complete multiple courses please check whether either of our training bundles offer you better value.

## **I wanted to work towards an Eco-Schools Green Flag this year, but I am worried about COVID-19 effecting our Eco-Schools work, do these training sessions address this?**

Yes, for each of the Eco-Schools Seven Steps and Ten Topics covered in these courses advice is provided on how to adapt the programme in relation to COVID-19.

## **I want to participate in Eco-Schools training, but will be unable to attend the live Zoom meetings—can I still enroll?**

Yes! We would really enjoy seeing as many Eco-Coordiators as possible at this training event, but we understand that people may have other commitments. Even if you are unable to attend the zoom meetings you will still have access to bespoke training resources and ongoing one-on-one support.

## **I've never used Zoom before, is it hard to use?**

No, we chose to use Zoom because it is simple to use, but if you do require support we will be happy to help.

## **I want to attend this course, but I am worried about the different deadlines for submitting evidence—what should I do?**

The Eco-Schools team really like the idea of multiple teachers working towards and applying for an Eco-Schools Green Flag together, however, being former teachers we also understand that sometimes teaching (and life) gets in the way—if you are unable to meet the deadlines set that's fine and we will continue to support you on your Eco-Schools journey.

## **Will Eco-Schools be doing 'real-life' training courses in the future?**

We hope to be able to deliver in-person sessions in 2021, but with the COVID-19 situation changing rapidly, and several of our training venues remaining closed, unfortunately we are unable to say definitive dates when we will deliver in-person training again.