

## Eco-Schools March 2014 Bulletin

### Major Rebranding News

We are delighted to announce that TIDY Northern Ireland is currently rebranding. Our new name for the Charity is **Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful**.

Why are we doing this? Simply put, our work has diversified greatly since we were established by the Women's Institute 60 years ago and whilst we will retain a strong focus on litter, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful better encompasses all that we do now. It also better states what we want to achieve. And finally, we want it to inspire you to take action to keep where you live looking beautiful.

We have high aspirations for making a difference to the quality of people's lives and look forward to working with you to achieve our shared vision of a beautiful Northern Ireland.

### Eco-Schools Information

Our Eco-Schools [website](#) has some fantastic free resources as well as information about new competitions, delivery partners and useful tips on applying for awards. We update the website on a regular basis so please visit it often to keep up-to-date with all the latest news.

The Eco-Schools Northern Ireland toolkit in [The Process](#) section of the website contains all the information and forms that are needed for the Programme and for the Green Flag application. Please contact any member of the Eco-Schools team if you have any questions or need any help in applying for the Green Flag: T: 028 9073 6920 or E: [eco-schools@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org](mailto:eco-schools@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org). The [Green Flag Application deadline](#) for guaranteed assessment before end of June 2014 is **21<sup>st</sup> March 2014**.

### Eco-Schools 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In 2014 Eco-Schools is celebrating 20 years and we would love to hear from any schools which would like to share more details of their Eco-Schools journey with us. We would love to hear about how the programme has impacted on your school and to learn more about your experience of what it means to be an Eco-School, whether you are newly registered or have been involved in the programme for the past 20 years. We will share the information with all our schools and the many delivery partners who support the programme also. If you would like to be involved please send any news, stories, photos, updates, etc. to [carmel.fyfe@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org](mailto:carmel.fyfe@keepnorthernirelandbeautiful.org).

### In this bulletin:

- [SSE Airtricity and Eco-Schools announce Global Wind Awards;](#)
- [Register now for the BIG Spring Clean – a free Toolkit and Clean up Kit are available and there is also a school competition;](#)
- [Translink and Eco-Schools launch Challenge to tackle Travel Habits;](#)
- [Eco-Schools and Trócaire Poster Competition now active; more information and entry forms available;](#)
- [Recycle with Cash for Clobber and enter the Cash for Clobber Competition;](#) and
- [Register for Operation Energy and receive fantastic free resources including around 60 hours of lesson plans, interactive games and other activities.](#)

### Other News:

- [FEE Logo Competition for YRE and LEAF Programmes;](#)
- [GreenBEE recycling – reduce waste and generate funds;](#)
- [Big Lottery Funding will be launching The People's Millions at an information session on 11<sup>th</sup> March;](#) and
- [The People's Litter Summit – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2014 form 9.30am – 1pm, W5, The Odyssey, Belfast \(lunch included\).](#)

If you have any queries on items in this bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact [Carmel Fyfe](#), Eco-Schools Manager or [Joanna McDonnell](#), Eco-Schools Admin Officer.