

UPDATE 2019



INSPIRING YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS

The last year has seen huge shifts in people's opinions towards the environment. YPTE has continued to help huge numbers of young people get inspired about the natural world. Almost a million people have visited ypite.org.uk; that's an average of 4,676 visitors every single day! Between them, they have downloaded over 2 million pages of our clear, straightforward and balanced information on all kinds of environmental issues.



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INSPIRING LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM

In the same time period, teachers downloaded over 73,000 of our lesson plans on environmental topics. That's enough to reach a further 2.2 million children in the classroom! Our lesson plans are frequently recognised and recommended by the Department for Education. This summer saw the launch of our new suite of lessons on climate change, which includes a simple, but effective experiment to demonstrate how CO2 affects global warming.



Lesson Plans

We are busy creating lots of free learning resources to assist teachers in educating young people about the environment and sustainability. More and more will be added each month.

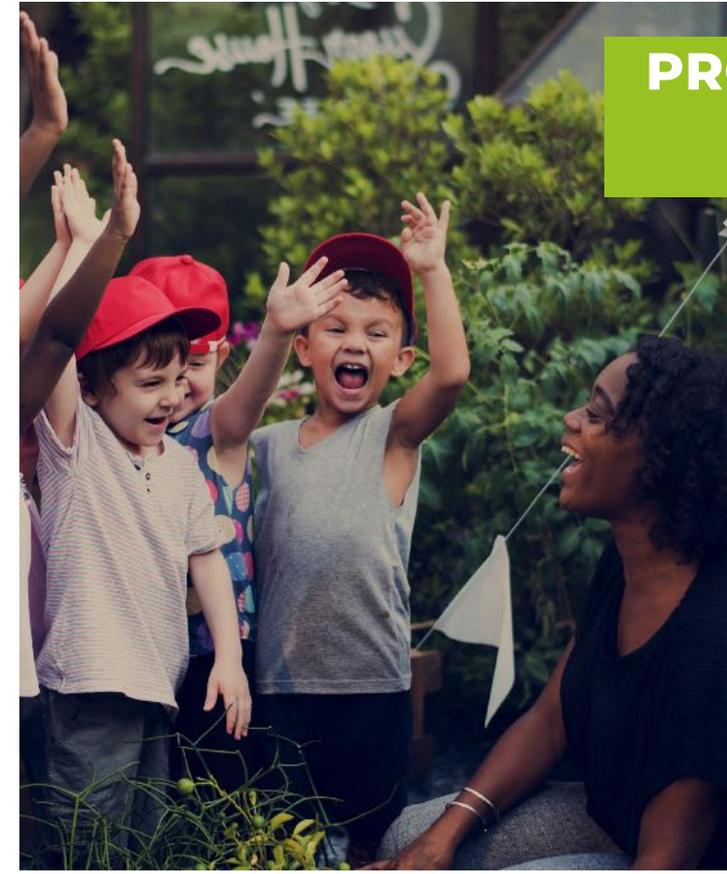
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HELPING SCHOOLS TO SAVE ENERGY

Energy Challenges UK is a new project designed to help schools reduce their energy use by up to 15%, cut waste, increase recycling and improve biodiversity in their school grounds.

This is part of an international project funded by the EU's Interreg North Sea, for which Southend Borough Council is the UK Lead. YPTE is the UK education partner, and Energy Challenges UK will take over the running of the project from July 2020, opening it to all UK schools from then onwards.



PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

2019 was a record year for the Better Energy School Awards, YPTE's environmental awards for primary schools in England, Scotland and Wales. Almost 42,000 children took part in entries for the 2019 Awards, with fantastically creative and innovative projects focussing on key topics like eliminating single use plastics, promoting recycling, finding out about renewable energy and learning about endangered species and how to help them. We anticipate similar levels of engagement with the Awards in 2020, as schools pay increasing attention to teaching about environmental issues.

Some 340,000 children have taken part in the awards since they started back in 2007. The Better Energy School Awards are sponsored by Total.



2,000 WORDS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Inspired by Amy and Jemma, two of YPTE's Young Trustees, this exciting new essay writing competition challenges young people aged 15 to 18 to answer one of four questions on important issues like climate change, living sustainably, eliminating waste and travelling responsibly, using a maximum of 2,000 words. Sponsored by Eurostar, the deadline for entries is in January 2020.



SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

In 2019, young people have taken the lead like never before in global efforts to combat climate change. Teenagers like Greta Thunberg have highlighted the need to take urgent action.

YPTE's work helps to enable young people to make informed choices about the future of the planet they want to grow up in.

We are grateful to the growing number of sponsors and donors giving their support to YPTE. You make our work possible and enable us to do more to help young people learn about our world.

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