

Water Wise Explorers

Dear Teacher,

We are thrilled to extend an invitation to you and your students to participate in our latest project - **Water Wise Explorers!** The project will empower schools (within the catchment area of the River Boyne and River Nanny) to explore and engage with all things sustainable development. Teachers and students involved will have the opportunity to develop invaluable skills and to take meaningful action towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with special emphasis on *SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation*.



Project Summary

Water Wise Explorers will support teachers in incorporating an ethos of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) into their schools and to support their students in leading a project addressing an issue related to SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation. The project draws inspiration from The Seventh Generation Principle, a Haudenosaunee philosophy, which centres on ensuring the decisions we make today result in a sustainable world seven generations from now. The project will empower all participants to recognise the significance of the quality of our rivers and act as stewards of the local life forces - the Boyne and the Nanny.

The project will support teachers and students to increase their knowledge and skills and empower them to take informed action. The trainings for teachers and workshops for students will take place across the academic year. Please note, student workshops are available to a limited number of schools. You will find the outline of all sessions and key dates on the next page.

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Key Dates

Teacher Trainings

Training One: Introduction to the project, exploration of Education for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, in depth look at SDG 6 Clean Water and Sanitation, and resources.

Choose from:

Date: Tuesday, the **14th of November 2023** or Tuesday, the **21st of November 2023**

Time: 10:30 - 3:00

Venue:

Development Perspectives' Offices
The Mall, North Quay, Drogheda, A92 PY68

Training Two: Further developing ESD skills, the health of our rivers, citizen science (using the app Aquainverts), and how to supporting the student-led SDG 6 Action Project.

Choose from:

Date: Thursday, the **25th of January 2024** or Thursday, the **1st of February 2024**

Time: 10:30 - 3:00

Venue:

To be confirmed

Training Three: River clean up, exploring the quality of the river and biodiversity through kayaking, Action Project support, reflection on our methods and next steps.

Choose from:

Dates: Thursday, the **11th of April 2024** or Thursday, the **18th of April 2024**

Time: 10:30 - 3:00

Venue:

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Costs

The project is completely free for teachers and students to participate in. This is in thanks to the grant we received from the Department of Education. Find out more about the National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development [here](#) and the Implementation Plan for 2022 - 2026 [here](#).



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Resources

As a participating teacher you will have access to an abundance of resources through our "ESD Tools for Teachers" resource drive. Additionally, all teachers will receive a welcome pack with a hard copy of Development Perspectives "Stepping Stones for the Sustainable Development Goals," a pack of SDG Tiles to facilitate learning around the SDGs, and a sustainable surprise!

Next Steps

To register your interest, please register for one of the trainings via the Eventbrite links below.

-> Sign up for Tuesday, the **14th of November 2023** [here](#)

-> Sign up for Tuesday, the **21st of November 2023** [here](#)

As a teacher you play a crucial role - your expertise, enthusiasm, and commitment will be the cornerstone which paves the way for your students on their Sustainable Development journey! We are looking forward to your participation and all of the wonderful and innovative solutions your students bring!

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the project coordinator Katie Martin via email katie@developmentperspectives.ie or on 0860795556.

Warm wishes,

Katie Martin

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