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HOW TO: SET UP YOUR OWN ECO- COMMITTEE

WHAT?

An eco committee is a group of students that gather together to make differences throughout their schools for sustainable changes. These could include recycling overhauls, plastic reduction or eco themed events and days.



WHY?

Students can make positive differences in schools by starting an eco committee. These changes have long-term positive impacts on the schools and can also benefit the wider community. It's a great place for likeminded individuals to get together and use their passion for change.



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SETTING UP AND ESTABLISHING GOALS



1. DECIDE ON THE MAIN FOCUS OF YOUR ECO GROUP

What are the main problems in your school? Are you focusing on reducing waste, conserving energy, promoting recycling or creating greener school grounds?



2. MAKE A SIMPLE POSTER OR FLIER

3. RECRUIT YOUR MEMBERS

Contact teachers to help spread the message. Ask all year groups and make sure you advertise through your school's communications avenues

4. DECIDE ON A TIME AND PLACE FOR YOUR MEETINGS

Weekly is best and involving an enthusiastic teacher will ensure that you have a classroom to hold meetings in

5. ASSESS WHAT IS ALREADY BEING DONE

Check the school's current environmental practices, e.g. waste management, energy consumption, water usage. You could ask a teacher to help out with this

6. MAKE A PLAN

Choose achievable tasks first to gather momentum. See our ideas bank at the back of this booklet



REGULAR MEETINGS AND PROGRESS



1. DELEGATE

During your first meeting, establish everyone's strengths, interests and passions. Using individual interests can help keep the group diverse and utilise everybody's unique abilities

2. PLAN

Make a detailed plan to implement your first project with assigned duties and clear objectives

3. APPEAL TO THE MASSES

Get the whole school involved in projects. Whether it is a creative project, a film screening or a tree planting event, ensure that your actions are wide-reaching

4. DATA COLLECTION OPTIONAL

Collect data on the impact of your initiatives, such as the amount of waste reduced, energy saved or trees planted. This can help showcase your achievements and encourage participation

5. SHOUT ABOUT IT!

Post your achievements and maintain a regular social media presence. Use Power Of Ten to interact with other eco groups!

6. KEEP A DIARY OPTIONAL

To ensure the longevity of your group, create a handbook or guide that catalogues your group's processes, goals and activities. This will make it easier for future members to continue your efforts





PROJECT IDEAS

- **RECYCLING OVERHAUL**

Find out which materials your school currently recycles and aim to increase the amount and types of recycling available

- **DITCH THE DISPOSABLES**

Does your canteen use plastic cutlery? Plastic cups? A disposables or plastic reduction campaign can be a great way to bring education to your school

- **GREEN SPACE REGENERATION**

Does your school lack green spaces? Add in a butterfly friendly garden, a veg patch, a herb garden or nice access to green spaces within your school grounds to study

- **ECO EVENT**

See our website for info on how to organise an eco event and discover our complimentary resources to use at the event

- **UNIFORM SWAPS**

Buying a new uniform every year is expensive and unnecessary - why not use some else's old one? Organise a swap and save money too

- **TRIP TO RECYCLING OR WASTE FACILITY**

Taking people to a recycling centre can help them to see the impacts of correct recycling practices and can give you lots of confidence when trying to explain the recycling system. Search for your local recycling centre and ask about tours

- **INCORPORATE INTO CURRICULUM**

Work with teachers to integrate environmental topics into the curriculum. This can enhance students' understanding and involvement in eco-friendly practices

- **FUNDRAISE FOR A CHARITY**

Look up projects that you could get involved in with local charities or organisations. Look at our Power Of Ten website for more information



POWER OF TEN TOP TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- **MAKE EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS APPEALING TO A WIDER AUDIENCE**

Events are a simple way to engage with the rest of the school and encourage less interested students to come along. You could try a bake sale, have a fundraising concert or a fashion show with upcycled fashion items

- **GOOD LEADERSHIP**

Ensure that your group leader is organised and committed to the group. A good leader will drive campaigns forward and ensure that all members have defined tasks and include everyone in the planning and execution of each project

- **DON'T FEEL TOO DOWN ABOUT UNSUCCESSFUL PROJECTS**

Some projects can succeed easily and others require much more effort, depending on who is involved and how easy it is to make the changes within your school. Understanding that you can't do everything at once and that some projects may not succeed is important to continue learning. Check out our guide about how to handle setbacks



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POSTER TEMPLATE

JOIN OUR ECO GROUP



We want to help make our school more eco friendly and more sustainable for the benefit of all of us, the planet and our



Are you passionate about protecting the environment? Do you want to make a positive impact on our school and the planet? Join the School Eco Group and become a part of the solution!

WHY JOIN?

- **MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** Contribute to projects that reduce waste, save energy, and promote a healthier environment.
- **LEARN AND EDUCATE:** Gain knowledge about environmental issues and spread awareness to inspire others.
- **CONNECT WITH LIKE-MINDED PEERS:** Collaborate with fellow students who share your passion for the planet.

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