

# National Contacts

**A checklist of selected national organisations that offer resources or information to support environmental education and education for sustainable lifestyles.**

## **BBC Breathing Places**

[www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces](http://www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces)

Breathing Places is a major BBC Learning campaign to inspire and motivate schools and communities to create and care for nature-friendly green spaces.

## **Carbon Detectives**

[www.carbondetectives.org.uk](http://www.carbondetectives.org.uk)

A pupil-friendly carbon calculator for schools

## **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

[www.defra.gov.uk/schools](http://www.defra.gov.uk/schools)

Information on all aspects of environment, including climate change, horticulture, farming and wildlife, plus details about how DEFRA supports schools and education for sustainable development.

## **East Anglia Food Link**

[www.eafl.org.uk](http://www.eafl.org.uk)

EAFLE forges links for a sustainable, local food system in the East of England. It produces educational resources and works with schools and local authority caterers to promote sustainable supply chains.

## **Eco Schools**

[www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)

An international "green flag" award scheme which offers a simple seven-step process for schools to follow to help them address a variety of environmental themes, ranging from litter and waste to healthy living and biodiversity.

## **Energy Saving Trust**

[www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/aboutest/links/index](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/aboutest/links/index)

Information on all aspects of energy saving and renewables, including resources for schools and links to other useful organisations.

## **Environment Agency**

[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

The Environment Agency is the government agency with responsibility for protecting and improving the environment. It ensures that air, land and water are looked after by everyone, so that tomorrow's generations inherit a cleaner, healthier world.

## **Farming And Countryside Education**

[www.face-online.org.uk](http://www.face-online.org.uk)

FACE aims to educate children and young people about food and farming in a sustainable countryside.

## **Growing Schools**

[www.teachernet.gov.uk/growingschools](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/growingschools)

Growing Schools is a government programme which aims to encourage and inspire all schools (nursery, primary, secondary and special) to use the outdoor classroom, both within and beyond the school grounds, as a context for learning across the curriculum.

## **Healthy Schools**

[www.healthyschools.gov.uk](http://www.healthyschools.gov.uk)

The National Healthy Schools Programme is a long term initiative that helps young people and their schools to be healthy. Its themes include healthy eating and physical activity.

### **Learning outside the classroom manifesto**

[www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/resourcematerials/outsideclassroom/](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/resourcematerials/outsideclassroom/)

The Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto, launched by the then Department for Education and Skills in 2006, acts as a shared statement of intent for all who see the benefits to young people and want to help bring about this vision of high quality, meaningful learning experiences outside the classroom.

### **Learning through Landscapes**

[www.ltl.org.uk](http://www.ltl.org.uk)

Learning through Landscapes helps schools and early years settings make the most of their outdoor spaces for play and learning.

### **National Association of Field Studies Officers**

[www.nafso.org.uk](http://www.nafso.org.uk)

A directory of field studies centres throughout the UK, plus publications for teachers.

### **Natural England**

[www.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk)

Natural England works to conserve, enhance and manage the natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations.

### **Qualifications and Curriculum Authority**

[www.qca.org.uk](http://www.qca.org.uk)

The Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) leads developments in curriculum, assessments, examinations and qualifications.

### **Soil Association**

[www.soilassociation.org](http://www.soilassociation.org)

The Soil Association is the UK's leading campaigning and certification organisation for organic food and farming. It produces a wide range of resources for use in educational contexts.

### **Sustainable Schools**

[www.teachernet.gov.uk/sustainableschools](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/sustainableschools)

The Sustainable Schools area of Teachernet is designed to support schools on their journey to sustainability, introducing the principles of sustainable development and offering guidance on how to embed these principles into the heart of school life.

### **Sustrans**

[www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

A sustainable transport charity promoting the need to encourage everyone to walk, cycle or use public transport more in their every day lives, including the Safe Routes to School programme.

### **Year of Food and Farming**

[www.yearoffoodandfarming.org.uk](http://www.yearoffoodandfarming.org.uk)

A campaign running during 2008 to help children find out more about the countryside and where their food comes from through memorable, first-hand learning experiences.

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