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**SUFFOLK  
SUSTAINABLE  
SCHOOLS  
NETWORK**

# NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to Academic Year 2025/26: The Year of Sustainability



We hope you had a relaxing summer and have settled into the new academic year. We just wanted to highlight some upcoming opportunities as well as some registration links to our events this year. Please sign up to be kept up to date on the projects and organisations that we will be working with this year to help you embed sustainability in your school setting.

## Funded Projects

## Last call for primary schools interested in sustainability!

We have a few more spaces left on our whole school sustainability programme, *Our Schools, Our World*. This free programme offers training, resources and support to help schools embed sustainability throughout their curriculum and operations. The training for the programme will take place at St Joseph's College in Ipswich on 30th September-2nd October.

Deadline for registration is **18th September**.

**REGISTER**

## Free Energy Audits for Secondary Schools

Secondary schools have only 6 months remaining to apply for a fully funded energy audit for their school. Our energy audits will support you to identify significant carbon saving opportunities whilst providing payback calculations and cost-saving suggestions. Following your energy audit, you will receive free support from our Schools Sustainability Team in Climate Action Planning and may have the opportunity for a free year of Energy Sparks.

**SIGN UP**



# IMPORTANT DATES



**Our Schools, Our World  
Sustainability Programme for  
Primary Schools**  
30th September-2nd October  
(in-person)

**SIGN UP**



**Waste**  
**Suffolk Sustainable Schools  
Network Meeting**  
Tues 14th October 4-5:30pm  
(online)

**SIGN UP**



### Energy

#### Suffolk Sustainable Schools Network Meeting

Wed 26th November 4-5:30pm  
(online)

**SIGN UP**



### Food

#### Suffolk Sustainable Schools Network Meeting

Thurs 29th January 4-5:30pm  
(online)

**SIGN UP**



### Transport

#### Suffolk Sustainable Schools Network Meeting

Tuesday 10th March 4-5:30pm  
(online)

**SIGN UP**



### Nature

#### Suffolk Sustainable Schools Network Meeting

Wednesday 29th April 4-5:30pm  
(online)

**SIGN UP**



### Water & Adaptation

#### Suffolk Sustainable Schools Network Meeting

Thursday 9th June 4-5:30pm  
(online)

**SIGN UP**



### Suffolk Sustainability in Education Conference

Food Museum, Stowmarket  
Sustainability CPD  
22nd June 9-4pm

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**Free training opportunities this term**

**New Sustainability Leads**

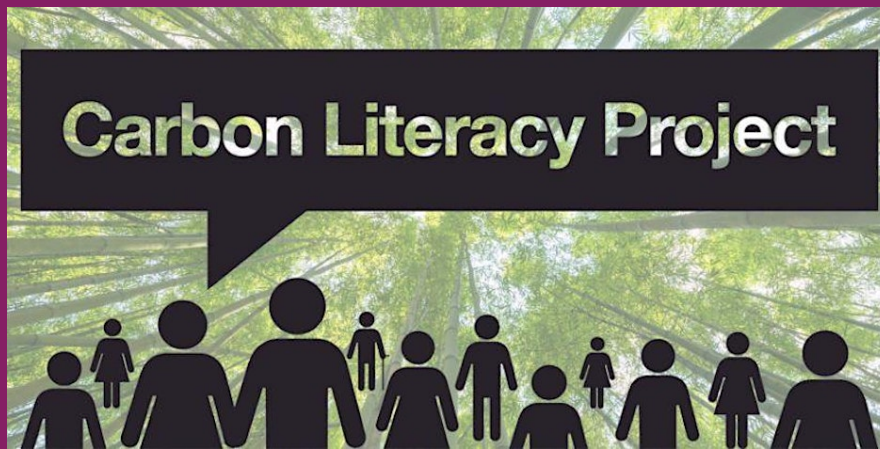
Let's Go Zero is offering a free webinar for newly appointed Sustainability Leads in schools. Ideal for teachers and senior leaders, the session explores the role, common challenges, and available support. Hear from experienced school leads and Climate Action Advisors, with time for Q&A and breakout discussions. Gain clarity, confidence, and practical next steps to embed sustainability in your setting. The webinar will be recorded and shared afterwards for flexible access.

Sustainability Leads at MATs - 16th September 3:45-4:45pm

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Sustainability Leads at Schools - 25th September 3:45-4:45pm

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### **Free Carbon Literacy Training**

Teachers and sustainability leads can now access free online training to become carbon literate, thanks to Let's Go Zero. Open to all UK schools and trusts registered with the campaign, this accredited course from the Carbon Literacy Project builds knowledge in climate change and carbon emissions. Participants will leave with a climate action plan tailored to their school. Ideal for staff looking to lead sustainability confidently and embed climate action into school culture.

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### **Teacher Open Day: Suffolk Energy from Waste**

Explore Sustainability in Action at the newly relaunched visitor centre at Suffolk's energy-from-waste facility in Great Blakenham. Discover how Suffolk's waste is transformed into energy and how our site supports STEM and environmental education. With the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge, the centre offers safe, high-quality learning experiences. Enjoy a guided tour, explore our interactive centre, and find out how their team can help enrich your teaching.

The event is Wednesday 22nd October at 4.30pm and lasts approximately two hours.

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## Youth Engagement Opportunities



### Empower Your Students to Shape the Future of Education

Teachers are encouraged to share this opportunity with students aged 16–29 in England: a short online survey from Imperial College London's Climate Cares Centre invites young people to share how education can better prepare them for a changing world. Part of the Compass Project, the 15-minute survey offers a chance to influence climate education—and win a £50 voucher. A great way to engage students in meaningful dialogue about their future.

**SMALL CHANGES  
BIG IMPACT**

### Have you joined our network?

Please share and forward this email to your colleagues interested in sustainability. Anyone working in a school can join, including both teaching and operational staff, and membership is free!

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