

How do we teach children and young people about the Climate Crisis and COP26 in a responsible way?

On 9th August the [IPCC](#) released their 6th report on climate change which states even more conclusively than before that human activity is changing the climate in unprecedented and sometimes irreversible ways. In response, the UN has declared a 'code red for humanity.'

You will probably have seen the news stories of increasing floods, wildfires, and other [climate disasters](#) around the world. You might also have witnessed how [climate anxiety](#) is affecting our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

This November, the United Nations will come together at the 26th Climate Change Conference ([COP26](#)) in Glasgow, where there will be massive pressure for greater climate ambition - not just from governments, but from individuals and institutions, including schools. This is key because:

- **Young people rely on schools** as trusted sources of information on climate change, and crucially, to provide role models through individual teachers and school leaders.
- Schools as institutions will be under **increasing pressure to mitigate emissions**, starting with the [Streamline Energy and Carbon Reporting](#) now being required of Academy Trusts.

But we know it's not easy. Schools are under huge pressure, especially after the huge disruptions of COVID-19, and many educators feel overwhelmed, unsure about where to begin, and dubious that their actions will even make a difference.

We're here to support you.

The Consortium of Development Education Centres ([CoDEC](#)) offers practical support for action on sustainability in schools, based around the 4 Cs: Campus, Curriculum, Community and Culture. We bring our significant experience from integrating global perspectives to approaches to exploring complexity in the classroom.

We can work alongside and in support of your school, offering advice and access to **climate resources, training, initiatives** and **local opportunities**, including positive stories of climate action, and the voices of young people in the Global South who are [disproportionately affected](#).

Use the information provided to kickstart your climate action journey, or join us on zoom for a Free Teachers' workshop, Thursday 23rd September, 4-5.30pm, as part of the Great Big Green Week, run by DDE with Michila Critchley from the InterClimate Network. To register email dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk

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We can support your school with:

Resources	Training
<p><i>We can help you to navigate the many climate-related resources available, including:</i></p> <p>Resource hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Dimension • Transform Our World <p>Classroom resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together for Our Planet • Climate Conference in the classroom • How Will You Reboot the Future? <p>Curriculum frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Curriculum (LeedsDEC) • Climate Curriculum (ThoughtBox) 	<p><i>We offer training to empower your staff to teach about climate-related issues, including:</i></p> <p>Online CPD courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Climate Curriculum for the 21st Century (LeedsDEC) • Teaching the SDGs (CDEC) • Philosophy for Children (CDEC) • Engaging with the SDGs (DECSY) • COP26 Climate Change - a whole-school approach (DECSY) <p>Pre-recorded presentations & workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Yorkshire's School Climate Conference 2021 (SCESY)
Climate action initiatives	Local opportunities
<p><i>We can help you to put words into tangible action through familiar initiatives, including:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's Go Zero • Eco-schools • Fairtrade Schools • Forest schools/outdoor learning • Global Citizenship • Send My Friend to School • Climate Coalition Cymru 	<p><i>We can connect you with local opportunities to engage in climate action, including:</i></p> <p>Free Teachers' workshop, on Zoom, Thursday 23rd September, 4-5.30pm, as part of the Great Big Green Week, run by DDE with Michila Critchley from the InterClimate Network. To register email dde@globalcentredevon.org.uk</p> <p>A series of 5 open sessions at Exeter Community Centre, 17 St David's Hill, Exeter, EX4 3RG. Mondays 20th Sept, 4th and 18th October, 1st and 15th November. See www.globalcentredevon.org.uk</p>

Opportunities timeline	
<i>We can help you to identify key opportunities in the upcoming months to talk about climate action:</i>	
11th June - 31st October	YCCN Relay to COP26
18th - 26th September	Great Big Green Week
28th - 30th September	Youth Climate Summit (pre-COP26)
17th - 24th October	One World Week
1st - 12th November	UN Climate Conference (COP26)
5th November	COP26 Youth Action Day
8th - 21st November	Switch Off Fortnight
<i>To see more global event dates and opportunities, you can order a free annual wall planner here.</i>	