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Blackpool Eco-Schools and Youth Climate Action

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Eco-Schools in Blackpool

Eco-schools is a global education programme that empowers young people to drive environmental change. With over 19.5 million children involved across 70 countries, it's the largest initiative of its kind worldwide.

The Eco-Schools programme

Supported locally by Blackpool Council in partnership with Keep Britain Tidy, eco-schools provides a simple seven-step framework for schools, nurseries, and colleges. The aim is to:

- Inspire hands-on environmental action
- Support learning about key issues like climate change, plastic pollution, and biodiversity loss
- Build essential life skills including literacy, numeracy, and teamwork

Participants choose from ten environmental topics and link their school activities to at least three of them. These topics turn big global issues into practical projects that children can tackle in their school and local community.

Earn your Green Flag

By completing the framework and delivering impactful projects, schools, colleges, and nurseries can achieve the internationally recognised eco-schools Green Flag award.

Eco-Schools in Blackpool

Every school in Blackpool was offered funding to take part in the eco-schools programme. There are currently 25 taking part, making a real difference in their communities and inspiring the next generation of eco-leaders.

School	Award
St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy	Green Flag
Baines School	Green Flag with Merit
Park Community Academy	Green Flag with Distinction
The Blackpool Sixth Form College	Green Flag with Distinction
St. John Vianney Catholic Primary School	Green Flag with Merit
Baines' Endowed Primary School, A Church of England Academy	Green Flag with Distinction
Boundary Primary School	Green Flag
St John's CE Primary School	Green Flag
Stanley Primary School	Green Flag
Woodlands School	Green Flag

Saint Teresa's Catholic Primary	Green Flag
Moor Park Primary School	Green Flag with Distinction
Devonshire Primary Academy	Green Flag with Merit
Bispham Endowed C of E Primary School	Green Flag with Merit
Mereside Primary Academy	Awaiting award
St Cuthbert's Catholic Academy	Awaiting award
Marton Primary Academy and Nursery	Awaiting award
Revoe Learning Academy	Awaiting award
Christ the King Catholic Academy	Awaiting award
Blackpool Aspire Academy	Awaiting award
Highfurlong School	Awaiting award
Layton Primary School	Awaiting award
Roseacre Primary Academy	Awaiting award
St. Kentigern's Catholic Primary School	Awaiting award
Unity Academy Blackpool	Awaiting award

Get Involved



Whether you're a teacher, student, parent, or community member, you can be part of the change.

[Find out more about eco-schools and how to get started](#)

Youth climate assembly

Alongside the climate assembly in 2021, a separate youth climate assembly was held to make sure young people's voices are heard in the fight against climate change. This was Blackpool's first ever youth climate assembly.

They made recommendations and proposed actions on 7 key themes- food, town, green and blue spaces, education, transport, and renewable energy. Details on the sessions can be found below.

Session 1

Session 1 of the Blackpool Youth Climate Assembly brought a group of young people, volunteers, councillors and practitioners together to explore and learn about climate change and the environment with a view to learning about issues and then going on to come up with solutions.

Session One was about setting the scene and finding out what young people thought about climate change and the environment before inviting a range of guest speakers to help build the knowledge of the young people who were part of the climate assembly.

There were speakers from Blackpool Council who introduced their vision for a green Blackpool.

Viktoria from the University of Brighton set the scene and explored with the group some words they might come across or be unsure about.

The group then heard from Guy from Generation Climate Europe/Transition Network about food and agroecology, they heard from Sam from Groundworks and Emily from LoveMYBeach who introduced them to green and blue spaces. Blackpool Youth Council then raised awareness about Fuel Poverty and finally, Leah from Active Blackpool talked about cycling and sustainable transport solutions.

Session 2

Session 2 of the Blackpool Youth Climate Assembly brought the group from session one back together ready for the final 2 hours. This session was all about giving young people the opportunity to split into smaller groups and talk about their views and opinions on one of the topics from session one.

Emma, a member of Bury Youth Council came to talk about her experience getting involved in climate change and what events she has been involved in. She spoke about things young people could do to help combat climate change and answered questions from the group.

After the break, the groups came back together from their discussions and gave feedback on what they spoke about and each group gave a possible action around their topic to be pursued following the climate assembly.

Evaluation forms were filled out at the end of the session and the young people were made aware that they would carry on as Blackpool's climate group and if that was something they wanted to be a part of then they could come to an open session on the 2 February 2021.

Lancashire youth climate conference 2024

In October 2024, Blackpool Council supported the first ever [Lancashire Youth Climate Conference](#), which took place at Blackpool Sixth Form College.

The event brought together 94 young people aged 16-19 from across Lancashire to discuss climate action in the region.

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