

Climate Action Planning Newsletter – October 2025



Welcome to our first climate action planning newsletter! We are hoping to do these around every half-term to keep you up to date with events, grants, resources, networks and other opportunities from within LDBE and beyond to support your school with climate action planning.

LDBE Climate Action Planning Page

Have you visited our new website yet? Our Climate Action Planning page includes lots of resources and links to support your work and is a great place to start thinking about this initiative and how you will develop and implement your plan. Visit [HERE](#)



OVO Foundation Nature Prize

Calling all schools! The fantastic **OVO Foundation Nature Prize** is back for a fourth year! The prize will bring students closer to nature and kickstart climate action. It's free to enter for all non-independent schools, colleges and nurseries across the UK.



For your chance to win a whopping £500 cash prize, submit your school's ideas for nature-based projects that fit into one of the following categories:

- 1) Adaptation and resilience
- 2) Community
- 3) Green skills

Ten winning schools will be chosen for each category – so that's 30 schools walking away with a cash prize for nature. Entries open at 9am on Monday, 13 October, and will close at 11:59pm on Monday, 17 November.

To enter, visit Let's Go Zero's [competition page](#).
Good luck!

Ninevah Charitable Trust



Ninevah Charitable Trust provide grants of £3-5,000 available for UK schools, PTAs and not-for-profit organisations, for projects that promote a better understanding of the environment. Applications can be submitted at any time and are reviewed quarterly by the Trustees. More details on the [website](#).

Eligible projects include:

- *environmental education schemes such as forest schools, farm visits, and nature trails;*
- *conservation and biodiversity initiatives;*
- *school farms and tree planting programmes;*
- *and activities that improve access to the countryside for young people and disadvantaged groups.*

Community-led projects, including sensory gardens, eco-classrooms, and heritage-focused schemes, are also considered.

Deadline: N/A Rolling applications – Please be aware they receive high numbers of applications this time of year

Climate Ambassador Scheme

CLIMATE AMBASSADORS



In association with EAUC, STEM Learning and the University of Reading

This is a reminder of the brilliant Climate Ambassador Scheme available for **free** to help you develop and deliver impactful Climate Action Plans, so far this scheme has been really well received and recommended by our schools that have worked with a climate ambassador. To learn more about requesting a climate ambassador, becoming a climate ambassador or just learning more about the scheme, either go to our [website](#), or use the links attached below:

- Climate Ambassador Guide [HERE](#)
- Registering as a Climate Ambassador [HERE](#)
- Requesting a Climate Ambassador EYFS [HERE](#)
- Requesting a Climate Ambassador [HE](#) [RE](#)
- Joining the Climate Ambassadors Scheme (existing STEM Ambassadors) [HERE](#)

Eco Schools Extravaganza

We want to thank everyone who applied or showed interest in our 2026 Eco Extravaganza, the event was oversubscribed, but your enthusiasm encourages us to host another one of these events next academic year. So, listen out for other opportunities in these newsletters!

For those schools selected to participate, we would love to hear about how your eco-projects are developing in preparation for the event in March. We invite you to send in pictures and updates on your projects to be featured in this newsletter, meanwhile we are planning to make the event as special as possible.

Want this information to be shared with the climate leads in your school?

Help us get this information to those who it will help the most, if your school has a designated climate lead/ Climate Action Plan lead, let admin@leicesterdbe.org know. Their email will be added to the distribution list for future CAP newsletters.

Do you have climate action planning news to share?

Email us at officedbe@leicesterdbe.org to contribute your news for our next newsletter. For example, your school's climate action progress, photos, events or competition opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you!

Do remember to visit our [website](#) for lots of useful information and guidance.