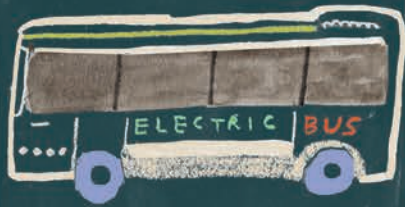
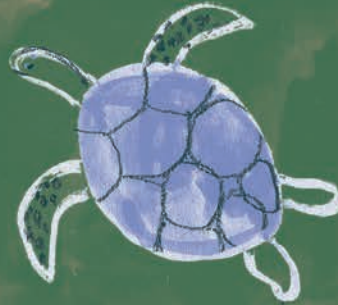
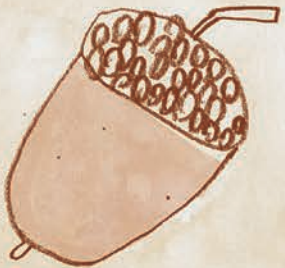


A Manifesto for Education for Environmental Sustainability



Co-created by teachers and youth
from across the UK including voices
less frequently heard



Values we share

- Love for each other & the planet
- Respect & compassion for others
- Honesty, humility & cooperation
- Social justice
- Equitable opportunities for all
- Connection with nature
- Wisdom
- Positivity
- Adaptability
- Practicality and pragmatism



Capabilities we need

- Knowledge for action
- Critical thinking
- Questioning
- Data literacy
- Research
- Innovation
- Creativity
- Communication
- Networking



Classroom Solutions

Resource teachers of all subjects to engage in sustainability focused professional development to develop confidence.

Use more sustainable resources and practices across both the curriculum and extra and co-curricular contexts

Provide students with the space and time to learn about climate change and environmental sustainability that is not linked to assessment.

Encourage students to research and take action on sustainability.



SCHOOL SOLUTIONS

Identify ways to feature sustainability in school-level decision making bodies and policies.

Consider environmental sustainability in all purchasing decisions. Track and reward sustainability actions.

Acknowledge and nurture the link between the quality of the school environment and mental and physical health.

Appoint and empower a school sustainability lead.

Place student voice and agency at the core of school sustainability action.

Make the sustainable choice the convenient choice in school.

Green the school environment and create opportunities for teachers and students to learn to grow food and other plants.

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

Value schools as local hubs for sustainability where people from across the community can take part in and lead education and activities, and build networks.

Start young and keep going! Identify and value sustainability education undertaken from the early years onwards and build on this work through community-based partnerships in both formal and informal settings.

Create no-cost, external, accredited awards for students and teachers which have an environmental sustainability focus.

Develop a community 'sustainability curriculum' for groups and parents involved in education.



Policy Solutions

Enlist the endorsement of respected 'entities' (politicians, social media influencers).



- Identify ways that sustainability can feature in existing accountability regimes and policies.
- Create educational policies which focus on valuing collective, equitable action and positive problem solving.
- Initiate a co-ordinated review involving teachers and students of secondary school curricula across the UK.
- This will identify ways to foreground and value sustainability regardless of the subjects students elect to study.



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