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2009 Photography Competition - Winners, Awards, Displays

Ethan Kerr from St Colm's High School, Draperstown was the overall winner in this year's competition. All winning photographs are on display on our website [here](#).



The winning photographs were on display in the Ilac Center Library, Dublin during May and will be in Magherafelt Library Co Derry in June and will be at the Blackrock Observatory Castle in September.

As well as the overall prizes for winning photographs 5 schools won bikes for their students. The three schools with highest number of entries received a bike these were Ardee Community College, Co Louth; Mount Sackville Secondary School, Dublin 20 and Ratoath College, Co Meath. Bikes were also raffled and sent to Scoil Ghobnait, Inis Oir, Galway and Ballincollig Community School Co Cork.

Schools Workshops

Primary and Secondary school workshops will commence again in September 2009 in various locations nationwide. To find out if there are any workshops planned near you please contact seiworkshops@globalactionplan.ie

Teachers In service Training

SEI schools programme representatives will be attending a few teachers in service training sessions this summer to highlight the resources we offer for schools. These sessions include a talk on the

schools programme and a demonstration of our primary school's workshops.

If you would be interested in SEI attending a teachers course you run in the autumn or next year please contact schools@sei.ie

New Primary Resources for Autumn 09

- New Lesson Plans - These will be ready for primary schools in early autumn 09
- Leabhar mór Ghuslaeir ar fhuinneamh
- Fiosraíonn Guslaer faoi chúrsaí fuinnimh- online only at www.sei.ie/schools

Email schools@sei.ie to register your interest in these new resources. Include your name, school name, address and phone number.

Recycling

How is recycling saving energy?



- Recycling an aluminum can such as a coke can uses use 5% of the energy you would use to make cans from raw material.
- Making aluminum from the raw material called bauxite uses a lot of energy. Recycling the metal by remelting the aluminum s is 20 times more energy efficient.
- Aluminum is perfect for recycling because it can be recycled over and over without losing its properties.
- Aluminum drinks cans and foil trays can all be recycled.
- For every drinks can you recycle 20 more can be made from the energy and emission saved.
- An aluminum can given for recycling today can be made into a new can, filled and be back on the shelf in just six weeks.

[More information here Allupro](#)

Save Water, Save Energy

Summer is often a time we use a lot of extra water for paddling pools and watering gardens etc. All of the water that comes from our taps has to be filtered, chlorinated, and pumped all of which use a lot of energy. If we use hot water we are adding even more energy when we heat the water.

Making sure we don't waste water is an important way of saving energy.

Take a shower instead of a bath. Try timing your shower so that it only takes 3-5 minutes. You can turn off your shower while shampooing your hair and then turn it back on to rinse.

www.taptips.ie has lots of good tips on how to save water

Climate Change Conference for Teachers

The UN Climate Change Conference (COP15) will take place in Copenhagen in December 2009.

To highlight this the Danish Ministry of Education is hosting a global teachers conference on climate change – ICE09 (Inspiring Climate Education). This will take place from October 12 to 14 this year. 200 teachers from all over the world are expected to take part in the conference.

The conference is open to secondary teachers, education researchers, civil servants and government officials, lecturers from teacher training colleges and universities with experience or interest in teaching climate change. Register before 15th July to get a discounted price

The information flyer is attached to this email and more information can be found on www.ice2009.org

New Energy in Action Case Studies

Here are some projects secondary school students undertook as part of the ECO Unesco YEA competition 2009. Click on the name of the project to go to that web page

[The Green Mile Project](#)

[A-Z of Global Warming](#)

[i-Solar](#)

If you would like to contribute to our Energy in Action section on the primary or secondary websites please contact schools@sei.ie.