



Your school/college may wish to consider becoming an [Eco-School](#). Eco-schools are stimulating places in which to learn while lessening the impact of the school on the environment. The programme will assist schools to become more sustainable overall.

Eco-Schools grew out of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit on the environment, when issues such as global warming and pollution first started to hit home with world leaders, as well as with a European organisation called the [Foundation for Environmental Education](#).

Eco-Schools is a recognised award scheme, rewarding and accrediting schools who have made a commitment to continuously improving their environmental performance. It is also a learning resource, raising awareness of environmental issues through activities that link to curriculum subjects.

The aim of the Eco-Schools programme is to make environmental awareness and action an intrinsic part of the life and ethos of the school, both for pupils and for staff.

The Eco-Schools programme addresses the following topics within schools:

- Biodiversity
- Climate Change
- Global Perspective
- Litter
- Waste
- Energy
- Water
- Transport
- Healthy Living
- School Grounds

Eco-Schools is administered in Northern Ireland by [TIDY Northern Ireland](#) which is funded by the Department of Environment. If you wish to contact the programme administration, call TIDY NI on 028 90 736920, or email info@eco-schoolsni.org

To visit the Eco-Schools website please click on the link below;

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