



YOUR PLANET NEEDS YOU!

BETHAN'S SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS MANIFESTO

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As a schoolgirl I have my opinions on eco schools, and I feel my opinions and ideas count so here are some of them. They can be adapted for a workplace, home or college.

- Schools should grow their own foods: potatoes, leeks, tomatoes, etc.
- Schools should do local workshops to raise awareness of world problems and fundraise for solar panels or eco school supplies. (At my school, Ysgol wdig / Goodwick Community School, this went very well and we even had some local eco heroes coming in to talk to us.)
- Schools should do litter-picks in the school grounds and public areas.
- The younger kids in our school enjoyed making animal habitats such as bird homes, insect hotels, hoverfly pools, etc.
- Being a vegetarian or vegan definitely makes a big difference so why not suggest a vegetarian day every week or, even better, become a vegetarian.
- In our school we have a small wild area we could expand and I think all schools should start a small one.
- In our school it is hard to give up single-use plastics but we can give it a shot.
- I think it would make a difference to do eco assemblies to inform everyone about what you are doing as a school; you could even have some visitors coming in to talk.
- A good idea I got from an Eco Schools conference is to write a letter to your local MP; this is a great classroom activity.
- In 2019, my best friends, Eliza and Leila, and I started a litter picking club with the school litter-pickers. It would make a big difference if you made one too.
- If you live close to your school, why not cycle, or walk to school; if you live far away then catch a bus.
- It is very important that school kids are well informed about world problems. What better way to do it than to go on eco-school trips to places such as local companies, farms and beaches.
- On warm days, instead of being inside why not go outside for outdoor classes?
- Starting a mini farm is such a good idea; you could have vegetables and chickens – the only thing is someone has to look after them during the holidays.
- Plastic-free lunches and packed lunches are an awesome idea (I got this idea from an Eco-school's conference).
- Another good idea is to go to school with a reusable water bottle as then the school won't need to buy plastic cups.
- Our school makes art out of litter instead of using new materials.
- Encourage the school to use fewer chemicals by using eco cleaning products.
- In my garden at home we have a compost bin. All schools produce so much green waste they should compost it.
- Books swaps, clothes swaps and toys swaps at school would be very worthwhile. We do this at our school.