

Environmental Study Support News/opportunities for 2007-08

- **Environmental Study Support small grants scheme** – following the success of last year's programme, Hackney schools are again invited to apply this year for up to £200 to support their environmental study support projects. Download the simple action plan template and letter from www.learninglive.co.uk/teachers/environmental_edu, and view case studies/examples of good practise from last year's programme.
- **St Johns Education Centre, summer scheme 2007** – children from local primary schools took part in the scheme, working hard to create a wonderful new sensory garden for the centre:



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- **The Woodland Trust** – register **now** for your free hedge **or** copse pack (containing 30 small native trees/shrubs). These packs will be delivered to schools in November 2007. www.woodland-trust.org.uk/hedge
- (Secondary Schools) – **Groundwork East London's Cool Climate** project (October 2007-2010), will work with 3 secondary schools per year in Hackney; engaging young people aged 11-17 in extra curricular activities and supporting understanding and action around climate change. The programme offers funding, and includes art, craft and accredited film workshops, enabling young people to create their own project to teach their peers. For more information, or to express an interest in this project, please contact Zoe Goss on 020 8985 1755.
- **Coming Soon... London School Environment Award 2007-08** – watch out for more details coming your way very soon!

To download a complete listing of the current and the best **FUNDING** opportunities for school environmental activities (including those with deadlines), visit www.learninglive.co.uk/teachers/environmental_edu



Walk to School Week October 2007 is coming! – following the phenomenal success of Walk to School week in May (almost 2 million pupils took part) we are now counting down to International Walk to School October 2007. Celebrating the health benefits of walking to school and focussing on children enjoying their local environment. Find out more about the theme and access resources and ideas at www.walktoschool.org.uk

- The first **Sustainable Schools in Hackney** event/training day, hosted by Hackney Environmental Education Network (HEEN), took place at Hackney City Farm on 11 June 2007 (follow this link to view a report from the day) and featured the launch of the **Sustainable Schools Toolkit (Hackney Resource Pack 2007)** – hard copies or electronic pdf file of the toolkit available from Robert.Sambrooks@learningtrust.co.uk, 020 8820 7302



- **London Sustainable Schools Forum** – e-bulletin includes details of events, competitions, funding opportunities, relevant news digest and quarterly workshops (training) – to register email sustainableschools@gol.gsi.gov.uk

The first workshop on Food & Drink and Purchasing & Waste on **Wednesday 3rd October** at Westminster Council House will tie in with the launch of the Year of Food and Farming for schools, with guest speakers from schools, NGOs and the DCSF and networking opportunities. Details of how to register will be sent out to Forum members after the summer holidays.

- **Sustainable Schools latest** – a suite of materials has now been developed aimed at helping pupils, bursars, governors, teachers and head teachers integrate sustainability into their schools. A communications toolkit, designed to support stakeholders can be downloaded at www.teachernet.gov.uk/sustainableschools/tools/tools_detail.cfm?id=11
Further resources to support the Year of Action are available from www.teachernet.gov.uk/sustainableschools/yearofaction.
- **The Year of Food and Farming (officially launched September 2007)** wants to promote healthy living, by giving young people the opportunity to:
 - follow the story from 'field to fork'
 - make informed decisions about food and healthy nutrition
 - experience what the countryside can offer
 - learn more about environmental issues linked to food and the countryside.

To register your school now for free go to: www.yearoffoodandfarming.org.uk

- **The Food For Life Partnership**, a lottery-funded project that is jointly run by the Soil Association and the Health Education Trust, are looking for 20 schools in each region to become Flagship Schools for school food. They are looking for expressions of interest from schools that have little or no track record in a whole school approach to Healthy Eating – the deadline in London is **28th September 2007**. London Region Healthy Schools and the Regional School Food and Health Advisers will be working with Food For Life on this project. www.foodforlife.org.uk/



- **World Food Day, 16th October** – FoodAid is an annual fundraising campaign for schools run by Concern Worldwide. If your school would like to do something simple and effective to help end world hunger, this could be the campaign for you. Schools organise fundraising events to coincide with harvest festival or World Food Day on 16 October 2007. Last year over 1,600 schools took part in the campaign, which raises money to go directly to Concern's food programmes in 28 countries worldwide. Find out more at: www.foodaid.org.uk