

FREE Green Schools Seminar – Monday 26th September

Free invitation to all pre-school, Primary, Post Primary, Third level, Adult Education and educational organisations!

Green-Schools is an international environmental education programme, environmental management system and award scheme that promotes and acknowledges long-term, whole school action for the environment. The aim of Green-Schools is to increase students' and participant awareness of environmental issues through classroom studies and to transfer this knowledge into positive environmental action in the school and also in the wider community. Schools that have successfully completed all the elements of the programme are awarded the 'Green-Flag'.

92% of schools in North Tipperary are registered to the Green Flag programme and 60 schools in North Tipperary now have Green Flags. Unlike a once-off project, it is a long-term programme that introduces participants (students, teachers, parents and the wider community) to the concept of an environmental management system. However, Green-Schools is far more than just an environmental management system. It fosters a strong sense of citizenship and leadership among participants

that spreads far outside the school into the wider community. It also promotes a strong sense of teamwork among teachers, students and the wider community to reach a common high level goal. It brings children into the decision-making process and makes them responsible for their decision and actions.

The programme comprises seven essential elements, which must be implemented prior to applying for the green flag. However, it is recognised that each school is different and a wide variety of approaches will be taken in order to implement the seven steps. A school must be registered with An Taisce and show that they have been working on the programme for at least nine months prior to applying for Green-Flag status. The award must be renewed every two years.

Date: Monday 26th of September

Venue: North Tipperary County Council, Limerick Road, Nenagh.

Seminar	Theme	Location within Council offices	Time
Seminar 1	Litter and Waste (starting off or applying for your first flag)	Main Council Chamber	5.00 – 6.00 pm
	Refreshments	Canteen	6.00 – 6.15 pm
Seminar 2	Energy	Main Council Chamber	6.15 – 7.00 pm
Seminar 3	Water	Room 5.3	6.15 – 7.00 pm
Seminar 4	Biodiversity	Room 5.3	7.00 – 7.45 pm

For further information on how to become involved in Green Schools, contact Deirdre Cox, Community and Enterprise Section, North Tipperary County Council on (067) 44889.

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