

ECO-SCHOOLS NATIONAL OPERATORS MEETING 2018



Theme: Climate, Oceans and Learning

MEETING AGENDA

NOM OBJECTIVES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identifying and sharing best case practices in Climate Change and Ocean Literacy 2. Sharing and further developing the Eco-Schools Communication Strategy 3. 25th Anniversary Planning 4. Developing a mechanism for Quality Assurance for the Green Flag 5. Reflecting on SDGs@Eco-Schools 6. Networking amongst National Operators 7. Exposure to Eco-Schools Ireland
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ARRIVAL DAY - 20 November

Afternoon	Arrival of all attendees to the Clayton Hotel, Lapps Quay (Airport Transfers from Cork Airport arranged by AnTaisce) Rooms will be available from 3 PM
19:00-20:45	Dinner
7:30-8:55	Breakfast

DAY 1 - 21 November

OPENING

8:00-9:00	Registrations
9:00-09:15	NOM Opening , Lesley Jones (FEE President, FEE Board of Directors)
09:15-09:30	Welcome and Introduction , An Taisce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School Performance - Welcome by student - Welcome Michael John O'Mahony, (An Taisce, Ireland)
09:30-09:45	FEE report , Laura Hickey (FEE Board of Directors) A brief presentation of the most recent developments in FEE and the after-math of the FEE General Assembly in Riga, Latvia in September 2018.
9:45 - 10:15	Eco-Schools report , Pramod Kumar Sharma, Senior Director of Education (FEE Head Office)



	A short presentation of the activities of Eco-Schools Global and its plans for the upcoming year.
10:15-10.55	Presentation of the NOM theme: Climate and Oceans Literacy Michael John O'Mahony (An Taisce), Maria Kirrane (UCC) and Pronsias O'Tuama (Teacher and Climate Ambassador)
10.55 – 11.05	Presentation on Global Citizenship Scoil Colmcille Boys National School, Blarney Street, Cork
11.05-11.15	Coffee Break

PROGRAMME SESSIONS

11.15-12.00	<p>Communications in Eco-Schools, Richard Steed, Communications Officer & Nicole Andreou (FEE Head Office)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FEE Communications Overview - Social Media Outreach - Strategy for the 25th Anniversary - Questions & Answers <p>Richard Steed, FEE's new Communications Officer, will be presenting the fundamentals of a compelling story, while Nicole Andreou will present the current status in Eco-Schools communications and the new global communication tools for National Operators as part of the Strategy for the 25th Anniversary. Richard will be wrapping up with a presentation of the 25th Anniversary Video Campaign.</p>
12.00-12.10	<p>A legacy story, Patricia Oliver</p> <p>Patricia Oliver, one of the leading figures in developing Eco-Schools in Ireland, will be telling us the story of how the programme came about.</p>
12.10-12.40	<p>Storytelling Group Work Session, Richard Steed (FEE Head Office) & An Taisce</p> <p>After an introduction by Richard Steed, attendees will be split into groups to come up with ways to best tell a story using Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.</p>
12.40-13.40	Lunch
13.40-14.10	<p>FEE University, Laura Hickey (FEE Board of Directors)</p> <p>Laura Hickey, FEE Board of Directors, will be presenting the concept of the FEE University, recently adopted at the FEE General Assembly. FEE University is proposed as an educational solution for FEE members with the intention of providing the necessary tools and resources that will make them successful not only in the programs implemented by them, but also as a FEE member.</p>
14.10-14.20	<p>Presentation on Green-Schools Travel: Caoimhe Galvin, Green-Schools Coordinator, Sundays Well Boys National School</p>
14.20-14.40	Coffee Break and group photo



14.40-15.40	<p>Green Flag Benchmarking – Quality Assurance for the Green Flag, Anne-Marie Robb (KSB, Scotland), Linda Van Meersche (MOS, Belgium), Pramod Kumar Sharma (FEE Head Office)</p> <p>The idea of benchmarking is to be seen as a Quality Assurance tool for a school rather than as a Quality Assessment tool to compare schools or countries. The exercise will help National Operators to agree on the standards that are applicable and non-negotiable for the implementation of the programme.</p>
15.40-16.30	<p>Presentation of Impact Evaluation tools – methodology and benefits, Hak Van Nispen (SME Advies, Netherlands), Caitlin Wilson (Landvernd, Iceland) and Shimon Ginzburg (FEE Head Office)</p> <p>National Operators from Netherlands and Iceland will be presenting a data collection app and the participatory observation research method respectively.</p> <p>The last part of the session will deal with the ongoing evaluation of the impact of the Litter Less campaign. The rationale, methods and will be presented by the Project Evaluation Officer. Preliminary analysis demonstrated a > 10% improvement in students’ awareness, knowledge and behaviour change following participation in the campaign. The session will include discussions about the implementation of the campaign where National Operators are expected to contribute with their expertise.</p>
16.30-17.30	Free time to change
17:20	Meet in Conference area foyer
18.00 – 10.30pm	<p>Glucksman Gallery Reception Aula Maxima Gala Dinner</p> <p>Dress Code: Smart Casual</p>

DAY 2 - 22 November

PROGRAMME SESSIONS

7:30-8:55	Breakfast
9:00-09:30	<p>Eco-Schools Handprint activity, Pramod Kumar Sharma (FEE Head Office)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “My three Positive Actions for 2019” <p>The session invites all our National Operators to share their plans and actions as commitments for 2019. This could be projects running along Eco-Schools, events or special activities related to the 25th Anniversary.</p>
9.30-10.05	<p>Eco-Schools cases on Ocean Literacy, Laura Hickey (FEE Board of Directors) & 3 Practical Examples, Sameer Kaudeer (REEF Conservation, Mauritius), Davida Morris (Greenrock, Bermuda) & Marisol Quiñones (OPAS, Puerto Rico)</p>





	<p>Mauritius: REEF Conservation will be highlighting the work done on the Oceans Theme through teacher training and pedagogical tools, such as the REEF Conservation’s teachers manual, the marine mobile education unit and discovery centre. Hands-on activities developed by the organisation will be presented, along with a discussion on the way forward.</p> <p>Bermuda: Bermuda Eco-Schools are studying Ocean Health with a focus on reducing plastic waste in our oceans. The presentation will give a brief background on the Seabin Project, how it came to be partnered with Butterfield Bank and ultimately, Greenrock and Eco-Schools and share the work done on plastic waste with the Seabin and beyond.</p> <p>Puerto Rico: In this presentation, OPAS will highlight the initiatives, alliances and materials that have been developed for ocean literacy in the Eco-Schools Program in Puerto Rico through several years. We will discuss the program's goals and objectives of the integration of marine resources theme for this academic year and the developed audit tools for each school environmental committee.</p>
10.05-10.45	<p>Green-Schools Marine Environment Theme Presentation: Conall O’Connor, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government St. Colman’s Boys National School, Kanturk</p>
10.45-11.00	<p>Coffee break</p>
11-00-12.00 (40mins workshops + 20mins reporting)	<p>Parallel Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education of the SDGs, Anne-Marie Robb (KSB, Scotland) This workshop will support NOs to develop their knowledge and confidence in working with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It will support them to reflect on their own understanding of the Goals, identify how they already support the Goals and plan action to develop their work with the Goals in their own context. The workshop is suitable for National Operators at all different levels of experience with the Goals. ▪ FEE EcoCampus, Edith Bajurizi (CECOD, Uganda) & Johleen Koh (WWF Malaysia) Why and how to start the FEE EcoCampus programme in your country? Sharing exciting ideas from Uganda and Malaysia, and approaches to run an interesting FEE EcoCampus programme. Find out the need for FEE EcoCampus programme in your country. ▪ Eco-Schools Research, Shimon Ginzburg & Pramod Kumar Sharma (FEE Head Office) Research is an important and integral part of the educational programmes at the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE). It needs to be seen as a broad,





	<p>long-term critical assessment of the effectiveness and impact of a given programme. This session will facilitate a discussion around the strategy to strengthen the role of Research at FEE.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disaster Risk Reduction, Olivia Copsey (Eco-Schools African Network Coordinator) <p>Natural disasters hit nearly every continent in 2017. Further devastating events this year demonstrate the urgent need to enhance the capacities of our schools and communities to strengthen local resilience when disasters strike. This workshop will explore the role and impact of schools and communities in natural disasters, and introduces a child-centred participatory framework developed in the Indian Ocean. Through a series of practical activities which can be replicated back home, the workshop aims to provide tools which can help your schools to address DRR within their curriculums, campuses and communities, and reduce the potentially fatal impact of future disasters.</p>
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-13.30	<p>Education for the SDGs, Pramod Kumar Sharma & Nicole Andreou (FEE Head Office)</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Goals are evident in different aspects of the Eco-Schools programme - from the philosophy behind the Seven Steps to the approach to the Eco-Schools Themes. This session will present the work done by the SDGs Advisory Group and the results of the SDGs survey, as well as release the publication 'Positive Actions for the Sustainable Development Goals', featuring five Eco-Schools projects and the concept of Handprint Actions.</p>
13.30-14.30	<p>Eco-Schools & Climate, Adriana Valenzuela (UNFCCC)</p> <p>4 Practical Examples, Margarida Gomes (ABAE, Portugal), Kim Martinez (NWF, USA), Gregor Cerar (Društvo DOVES, Slovenia), Anne-Marie Robb (KSB, Scotland)</p> <p>The session introduces the Action for Climate Empowerment programme of UNFCCC and shares some of the work being done under Climate Change Education by the National Operators in Portugal, USA, Slovenia and Scotland.</p>
14.30-15.15	Climate Action! , An Taisce
15.15-15.30	Coffee Break
15.30-15.45	Green Flag producing , Semaphore
15.45-16.10	25th Anniversary Declaration , Laura Hickey (FEE Board of Directors) & Michael John O'Mahony, (An Taisce, Ireland)
16.10-16.30	National Operators Meeting Wrap-Up , Laura Hickey (FEE Board of Directors) Ceremonial Handover to NOM 2019 Hosts
16.30-18.40	Free time to change
18.40	Meet in Conference area foyer



19.00- whenever!	Dinner and traditional Irish entertainment Dress Code: Casual
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DAY 3 - 23 November

WORKSHOPS FOR COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN LLC, TGPH, ALCOA W5

7:30-8:55	Breakfast
8:00-9:00	Side Event possibility: Eco-Schools African Network meeting / Eco-Schools UK & Ireland Network meeting
9:00-10.30	Litter Less Campaign Workshop (Part I)
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12.30	Litter Less Campaign Workshop (Part II)
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	Side Event possibility: Eco-Schools African Network meeting / Eco-Schools UK & Ireland Network meeting
13.30-14.30	Alcoa W5 Workshop
13:40-15:00	The Great Plant Hunt (2017-2018) Workshop
19:00-20:45	Dinner