



Wealth of online environmental educational material

If you are seeking inspiration about environmental education, the internet offers a wealth of possibilities. A few examples of such websites within various environmental areas are presented below.

Climate change

As part of the EU Commission's climate campaign CHANGE, materials have been developed which aim at engaging secondary school pupils in the discussion on climate change including:

- A brochure directed towards students containing information on climate change, and the role they can play in preventing it
- A PowerPoint presentation presenting facts about climate change in a concise and comprehensible manner
- Worksheets to inspire interactive discussions on climate change.

The material, which is available in all official EU languages, can be downloaded from:

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/campaign/schools/schools_en.htm

Another interesting site on climate change, but one with an alternative focus, has been developed by the Irish organisation Allaboutenergy.ie. The site consists of three interactive kits which demonstrate how renewable energy can be used to produce electricity or heat water, including a wind turbine kit, a solar photovoltaic kit and a solar water heater kit.

The interactive kits are available in English at:

<http://www.allaboutenergy.ie/education/news.php?ID=311>

Biodiversity

The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety in Germany has issued a series of interactive worksheets on biodiversity. The series consists of six worksheets with the following topics:

- Species diversity worldwide
- National parks and biosphere reserves: A place for man and nature
- High-tech from nature

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- A short film about biological diversity: Screenplay
- Learning / competence check: Are you and your pupils fit for PISA?
- Background information for teachers

Each worksheet contains explanatory texts, exercises and role games.

Download the worksheets in German, English or Russian from:

<http://www.allaboutenergy.ie/education/news.php?ID=311>

Waste

The English NGO Waste Watch has developed an amusing site on how to reduce, reuse, recycle waste called the Recyclezone. The site contains:

- Games
- Instructions on how to e.g. make recycled paper and build a worm composter
- Facts about waste
- A teacher's zone

Download all the Recyclezones' material in English from:

http://www.recyclezone.org.uk/home_fz.aspx

Eco Agents

An alternative form of educational material has been developed by the European Environment Agency. The Eco Agents website invites 9- to 14-year-olds to become undercover 'eco agents' in comic strip stories. In each story, five heroes from the Netherlands, Finland, Poland, Turkey and Greece are assigned to a special mission, such as infiltrating a 'wind farm' in the Netherlands, which is a cover-up for a natural gas extraction facility. After creating a personal profile, each new recruit actually appears in the comic strips alongside the permanent characters. Each mission sets tasks where the participants earn points which accumulate towards their general score.

Find the Eco Agents Website in 23 different languages at:

<http://ecoagents.eea.europa.eu/>

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