

# Schools Climate ACTION

## 2024/25 SCAN Summer-term Meeting Summary

20<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Thank you for joining our final Schools Climate Action Network (SCAN) meeting of the year.

As promised, please find below a summary of key updates, along with links and opportunities to support your work on climate action.

### **Guest Presentations:**

- 1. Solar for Schools:** Ann and Danielle from Solar for Schools introduced their work installing solar panels for schools without upfront costs. They demonstrated the dual aspect of their work reducing carbon footprint and integrating sustainability into the curriculum.
  - Schools that partner with Solar for Schools receive a comprehensive 25-year educational program. This includes annual workshops, access to an education portal with real-time energy data, and curriculum-linked resources to teach students about renewable energy and sustainability.
  - Solar Panels not only provide financial savings on energy costs but also enriches students' learning experiences by making sustainability a core part of their education.
  - [Start a campaign for solar at your school - Solar for Schools Education - Development](#)
- 2. Traid for Textile Recycling:** Jose presented Traid's work in textile recycling, including home collections and textile banks. He explained how Traid is the only organisation that hand-sorts every garment to maximize reuse and minimize waste.

- Traid offers educational programs and competitions for schools to promote sustainable actions. These include assemblies, donation drives, and upcycling workshops, which teach students about the impact of the fashion industry and how to mitigate it.
  - By participating in these programs, schools can engage students in hands-on sustainability projects, reduce textile waste, and contribute to global environmental efforts. Contact [jose@traid.or.uk](mailto:jose@traid.or.uk) for more.
3. **Tree Planting in Enfield Chase:** Stuart from Prince of Wales Primary School shared their experience with tree planting as part of the Enfield Chase Restoration project. He explained the logistics of organizing the trip and the experience of the kids.
- Students learned about soil types, teamwork, and the importance of biodiversity. They also gained practical skills in planting and caring for trees.
  - Tree planting projects provide students with real-life experiences in environmental stewardship, enhance their understanding of ecosystems, and contribute to local reforestation efforts.

#### **Updates from the Council :**

- **Reminder** about all the free resources available to support you with you Climate Action on the [HUB](#)  
In particular, the Climate Advisor programme of [Let's Go Zero](#) and the [Climate Ambassadors Programme](#) with a series of [events](#)

As well as the [Earthfest](#) Live Lesson: 5<sup>th</sup> June 9am - **London's festival of sustainability**

**Express an interest** here using the [online form](#).

- **Schools Capital Delivery Programme:** We will be delivering a variety of decarbonisation schemes in schools funded by the GLA and PSDS, such as Solar panel installations, LED lighting, fabric improvements and connections to the heat network.
- **Getting to School Competition:** Alex introduced the "Getting to School" competition, encouraging primary school students to create artwork promoting walking, wheeling, scooting, or cycling to school. The deadline for entries is June 27th. This competition aims to promote active travel and environmental awareness among students. [Getting to School Competition - Let's Talk Enfield](#)

The recording of the session will remain available in the chat of the Teams meeting for the next 59 days – if you have trouble to access it let me know.

Please do make use of the offers above and get in touch if you would like support.

Thank you again for your time and being part of the network this year. Wishing you all a restful half-term and a strong finish to the academic year.

Best Wishes,

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