

Guidelines for the Green-Schools Ambassador Programme

(Water Theme)



The Green-Schools Ambassador Programme 2017, run in partnership with Irish Water, aims to raise awareness about the Green-Schools programme as a whole, the importance of water and issues surrounding this resource amongst schools and local communities.

Students can apply from any year and can apply on their own or in groups up to 3. However, applications should be completed by each individual. More than one ambassador can apply from a school.

Various topics will be discussed during the ambassador training days that the student may wish to discuss with their school and community. Some of which are: Green-Schools (what it is), the scarcity and importance of water, walk for water, water pollution and water quality testing, water saving techniques, virtual water, marine litter, wastewater and water treatment. All training day presentations will be made available to all ambassadors for use during their work on the programme.

All ambassadors attending training days must have a guardian accompany them (Green-Schools Coordinator, supporting teacher, parent etc.) or have written consent from their school and parents to attend on their own.

To complete the programme ambassadors may pick one or more of the topics discussed during the training days to focus their efforts on. Ambassadors must then share their information with **their school and at least one community group and at least two forms of communication should be used**. There are various ways ambassadors can do this, for example: radio, quizzes, intercom, presentations, notice board, open days, leaflets, text-a-parent, linking with local groups, media and film. Also, please remember if ambassadors would like Green-Schools to like a Facebook page, put some images on Flickr etc. please contact our Communications Officer Ciara Norton on cnorton@eeu.antaisce.org or call the office on 01-400 2222.

All ambassadors are required to also attend a **support session after the mid-term in early March (details will be sent early February)** which will provide a chance to share ideas and learn from last year's ambassadors. Students will be required to complete a brief progress report in February (**deadline Friday the 2nd of February**) which allows us to gather feedback and offer ambassadors further support.

After ambassadors have communicated with their school and community they **must complete a short report form and submit it by Monday the 16th of April**. The report asks three questions:

1. What did you learn from the IW Green-Schools ambassador programme? (in less than 500 words)
2. How did you share your experience and with whom? (in less than 500 words)
3. How will you use the information from the programme in the future? (in less than 200 words)

Please note the reports must be completed by the ambassadors.

At least **two forms of supporting information** should be submitted with the report form. For example:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Photos in jpeg form (5 max)
- Videos in mp4 format if possible (or send us link to YouTube/Vimeo private video)
- Sound recordings in mp3 format if possible

Upon receipt of all ambassador reports, a panel of experts will choose regional ambassadors who will then be invited to attend a special awards ceremony on the 3rd of May. Furthermore, all ambassadors may be invited to attend future events to share all that they have learned during the programme and gain further communication skills.

Certificates will be handed out upon receipt of all reports.

If you have any questions please contact Ruth Gaj-McKeever at the Green-Schools office on 01-4002226.
