

Runner Up Water Ambassadors

Terence MacSwiney Community College

County Cork



Ciara Hegarty Rodgers, Julia Hanlon O'Neill and Ava Byrd are the Water Ambassadors for Terence MacSwiney Community College and have been actively promoting sustainability through creative and engaging initiatives.

One of their standout projects was a Sustainable Fashion Show and Swap Shop, where students and staff modelled secondhand clothes sourced from the school's Swap Shop and their local St. Vincent de Paul in Hollyhill. They also created a PowerPoint presentation on the environmental impact of fast fashion, which was displayed on the school's TV screens to raise awareness.

The ambassadors also helped foster environmental learning in the wider community by hosting an Otter Workshop for 2nd and 6th class students from a local primary school. Held in the school library, the workshop included a short educational film, fun facts about otters shared by the Water Ambassadors and TY Green Team and a craft session where younger students created otter puppets.

Looking ahead, the ambassadors plan to invite a guest speaker from Cork Nature Network to share insights on local wildlife and water ecosystems.