GLOBAL GOALS WEEK

2026

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Welcome to Global Goals Week! We can't wait to meet you all each day from 9.30am - 10.30am GMT.

Below is a brief idea of what we will be covering throughout the week.

Day 1   Goal 15: Life on Land

Day 2   Goal 1 & 5: No Poverty & Gender Equality

Day 3   Goal 4: Quality Education

Day 4   Goal 13 & 2: Climate Action & Zero Hunger

Day 5   Connection Day - Guided small group discussions, focussing on biodiversity, culture and hobbies

Please share your work with us! We'd love to see the ideas your students come up with. Email your creations to Siobhan at shughes@eeu.antaisce.org!

Participating Countries

Kenya

South Africa

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Ireland (North and South)

Palestine

THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

The Global Goals (also called the Sustainable Development Goals) are 17 goals to help make the world a better place for everyone.

They were created by the United Nations, where countries from all around the world work together. In 2015, 193 countries agreed on these goals and made a plan to try to achieve them by 2030.

Countries such as Ireland and Kenya helped lead the discussions to create these goals.

Each goal focuses on an important challenge in the world, such as:

- 🌱 protecting our planet
- 🍎 ending poverty and hunger
- 📚 making sure everyone can go to school
- 🏥 helping people stay healthy
- 🌍 taking action on climate change

The Global Goals help guide countries and communities so that people everywhere can live healthy, safe, and happy lives while protecting the Earth.
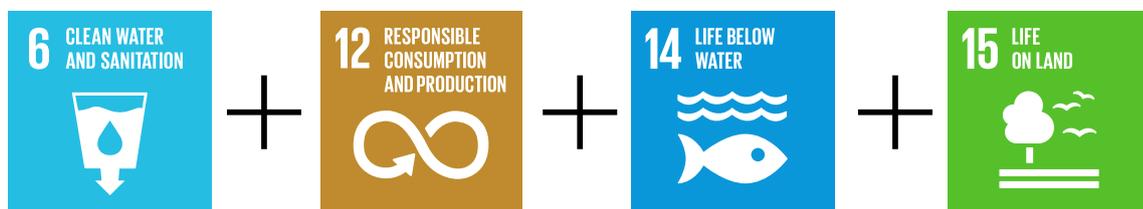
Linking the Global Goals

13 CLIMATE ACTION + **15 LIFE ON LAND** + **2 ZERO HUNGER** + **1 NO POVERTY**
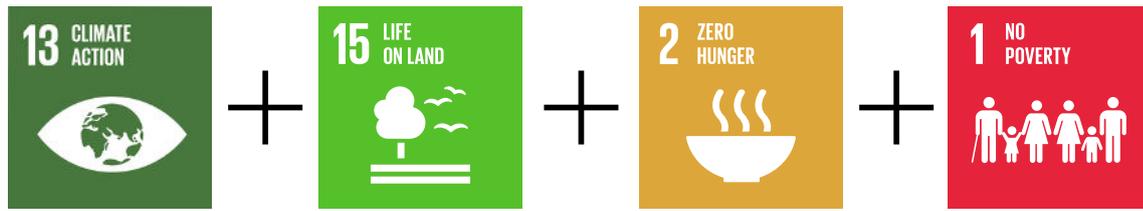
When we protect our planet from climate change, we keep nature strong and the soil healthy. That way, farmers can grow more food for everyone, so fewer people go hungry or live in poverty.

14 LIFE BELOW WATER + **12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**
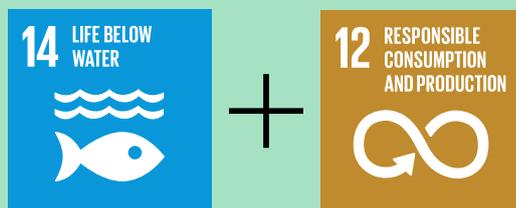
When we use things responsibly and make less waste, we keep plastic and harmful chemicals out of the ocean. This helps protect sea animals and keeps our oceans healthy for the future!

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION + **12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION** + **14 LIFE BELOW WATER** + **15 LIFE ON LAND**

Using water responsibly and keeping it clean helps reduce waste from homes and factories. This keeps our rivers, lakes, and oceans healthy and protects nature on land and in the sea

1 NO POVERTY + **12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**

When people make and sell things in fair and kind ways, workers get paid properly. When we buy things responsibly, we help people earn a fair living and take care of our planet at the same time!

Question to consider: How might we link other Global Goals?

Name: _____ **Date:**_____

What are the Global Goals?

The 17 Global Goals help people all over the world work together to make the planet fairer, healthier and safer for everyone.

But here's something important:
⭐ **The goals are connected.**
 When we work on one goal, it often helps another goal too!

Example:

Action: Choosing clothes made from natural materials
↓
What happens next: Less microplastic pollution
↓
Goal it helps: Helps Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Goal 14: Life Below Water

Using the Example above for help, complete the chain below to practice linking the Global Goals:

Fill in the connections:

Action → What happens next → Which goals does it help?

Action: (Reducing food waste)
⇩

What happens next?

⇩

Goals it helps:

Are you ready to try it yourself? Go to the next page and build your own Global Goal Chain!

Name: _____ **Date:**_____

Choose one action that people could take at school, at home or in the community.

Step 1: My Action - Write one action that could help people or the planet.

My action:

Step 2: What Happens Next? - Think about what changes because of this action.

My action

⇩

This leads to:

⇩

Which leads to:

⇩

Which leads to:

Step 3: Which Goals Are Connected? - Write 2 or more Global Goals that your action could help.

Goal 1: _____

Goal 2: _____

Goal 3: _____

Step 4: Explain the Connection - How does your action help more than one Global Goal?

Step 5: Big Thinking!

Why do you think the Global Goals are designed to work together? (Tick the one you agree with)

☐ Because world problems are connected
☐ Because each goal is completely separate
☐ Because solving one problem can help solve others

Explain your thinking:

Important Goals for Our **Communities**

Green-Schools

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

5 GENDER EQUALITY

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

1 NO POVERTY

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

If you could help make **your community** better, which Global Goal would you choose and why?

ACT NOW!

15 LIFE ON LAND

13 CLIMATE ACTION

Climate Action was the Goal mentioned most to work towards in your own communities!

Watch this video to be inspired on how you can take action!

These answers are collated from Global Goals Week 2026 answers from students in Ireland, Kenya, UAE, Palestine and South Africa.

"What is the most important Global Goal for your community?"

Our Global Goals - Here are the Global Goals we created during the workshop

Housing for All

18 Housing for All

Protecting Animals (no hunting or abandoned pets)

19 Animal Welfare

Unity

20 Unity

Peace for All

21 Peace for All

Clean Air / No Smoking

22 Clean Air (no more smoking or vapes)

Healthcare for All

23 Healthcare for All

Greener Futures

24 Greener Futures

Trees for All

25 Trees for All

Protect our Marine Life

26 Protect all Marine Life

No Racism

27 No Racism (Equality for All)

Music for All

28 Music for all
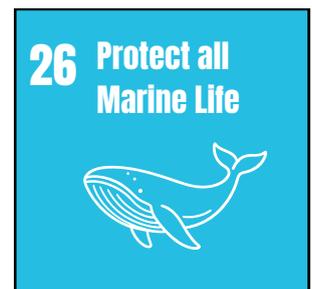
Voices for All: Contributing to Change

29 Voices for All

Kindness for All

30 Kindness for all

Essentials For All (food, medicine, shelter)

31 Essentials for All
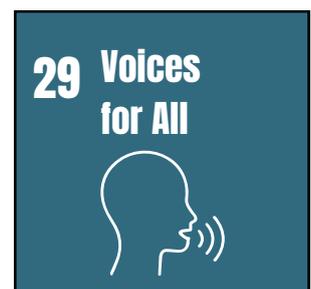
Everyone has the chance to follow their dreams

32 Follow your Dreams

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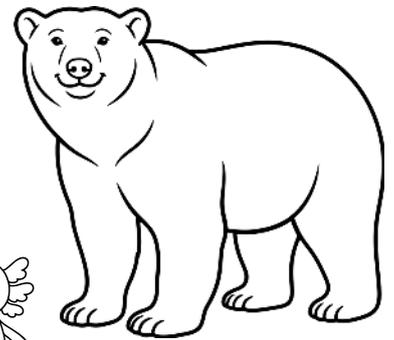**"If you had the opportunity to create Goal 18, what would your goal be? What do you think everyone in the world should be able to do?"**
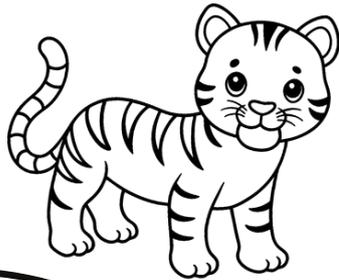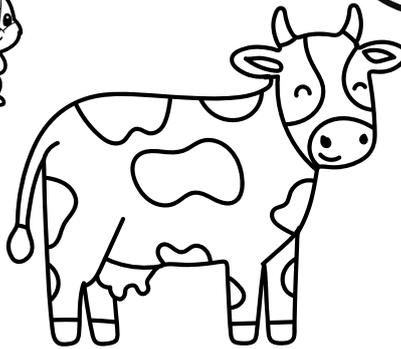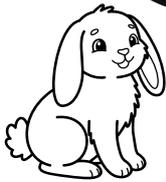
Colouring time!

Danson asked us what animals we would
like to protect and why.
See if you can find yours below!
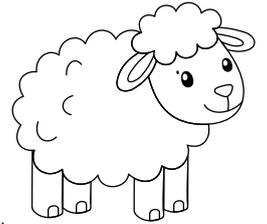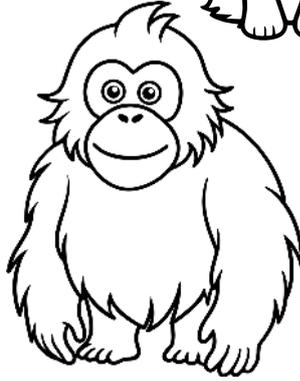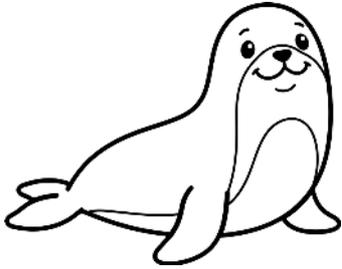
I love rabbits
because they are
cute, fluffy, and
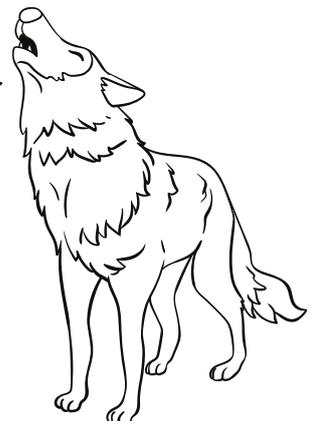love eating carrots

Cows. They are
gods in Hinduism

Red pandas
because they're
super cute!

I like a lion
because it is the
king of the forests

Wolf because
they are witty
in the wild and
strong in
hunting. My
name meaning
is also wolf

Placenames and Nature Connection

We were so lucky to hear from our amazing Irish Language Officer Meadhbh who talked to us about placenames and their connection to the land. Here is what we learned:

Ireland
Climate: Temperate Oceanic

1. **English:** Fiddauntawnanoneen
   Irish: Feadán Thamhnach Nóinín
   Irish Translation: The stream oasis of Daisies
2. **English:** Ballynaskeagh
   Irish: Baile na Sceach
   Irish Translation: The town of the Hawthorn
3. **English:** Duhallow
   Irish: Dúiche Ealla
   Irish Translation: The native land of the swans
4. **English:** Knocknahur
   Irish: Cnoc na hIora
   Irish Translation: The hill of the squirrels
5. **English:** Cloncough
   Irish: Cluain Cuach
   Irish Translation: The meadow of the cuckoo
6. **English:** Lugatryna
   Irish: Log an Traonaigh
   Irish Translation: Hollow of the Corncrakes
7. **English:** Curraghphilipeen
   Irish: Currach Philibín
   Irish Translation: The marsh of the Lapwing
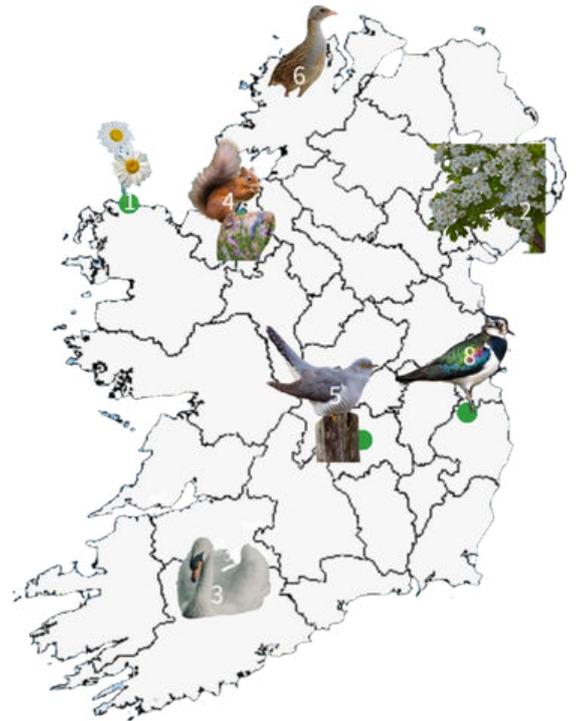
Palestine
Climate: Mediterranean

1. **Ein al-Qilt:** Spring of the Rock Pool. Near Jericho, feeding Wadi Qelt deep valley, famous for its springs and desert environment
2. **Wadi al-Far'a:** Valley of branches. Flows into the Jordan River; rich in biodiversity
3. **Ein Al-Bayda:** White eye or White Spring natural water sources, white coloured rocks, or earth. Spring in the Ramallah area
4. **Mount Gerizim:** Mountain of blessing. Near Nablus, known for Olive terraces
5. **Al Mawasi:** Gaza's southern coastal strip. The name refers to local agriculture practices that utilise the area's unique, shallow water table - nickname - "Basket of Food"
6. **Wadi Gaza Coastal Wetlands:** Hugely important for migratory birds

# Placenames and Nature Connection

Kenya
Climate: Tropical

1. **Eldoret (Usain Gishu):** Originates from the Kelnjin word eldore, meaning stony river.
2. **Narok:** Named after the Maasai word for 'black' or 'dark' (referring to the black cotton soil)
3. **Nanyuki:** Derived from Enkare Nanyukie, meaning 'the place of red waters'.
4. **Gilgil:** From Il-girgi, referring to acacia trees or a place with many thorn trees. There are at least 5 disctinctive kinds of thorny trees in this region.
5. **Eldama Ravine:** From Oldama O-rropil, meaning 'a sweet-smelling hillside'.

UAE
Climate: Arid, desert

1. The name Abu Dhabi translates to 'Father of the Gazelle'. It is believed to be a tribute to the abundance of gazelles that once roamed the area. The name is closely connected to a popular legend involving a hunter chasing a gazelle.
2. The name Fujairah comes from the Arabic word for 'Fajr', meaning 'dawn', possibly referring to its position on the eastern coast where the sun rises.
3. The name Umm Al Quwain translates to 'Mother of Two Powers'. The two powers are believed to refer to its historical strength on both land and sea.
4. The name Dubai is believed to come from the Arabic word 'Daba', meaning 'to creep' or 'to move slowly', possibly referring to the slow flow of the creek. Another interpretation links it to a type of small locust that was once common in the area.
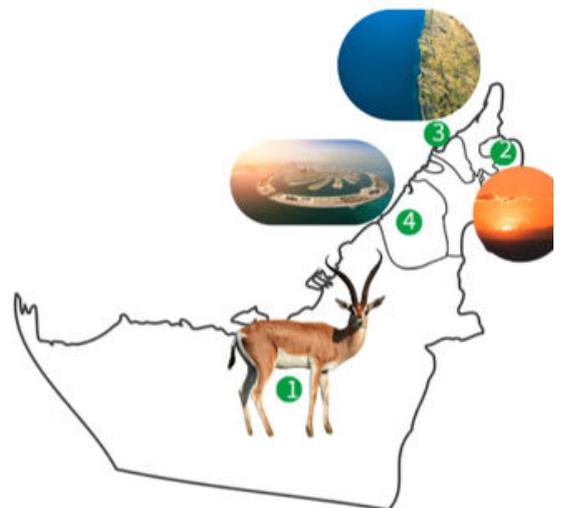
South Africa
Climate: ranging from Mediterranean in the southwest to subtropical in the north east

1. **Umgeni / uMngeni:** 'The place of the reeds' (isiZulu), named for reed beds along the river beds
2. **Karoo** - 'Land of Thirst' (Khosian). Describes the arid, semi-desert environment with scarce water
3. **Bosveld** - 'Bushveld' (Afrikaans). Describes the savannah woodland vegetation typical of the region
4. **Addo** - Believed to derived from Khoikhoi words meaning something like 'place of many people' or linked to local ecological conditions (interpretations vary); today, famous for elephants.
5. **Buffelsbaai / Buffels Bay** - 'Buffalo bay'. Names after the buffalo once found in the area
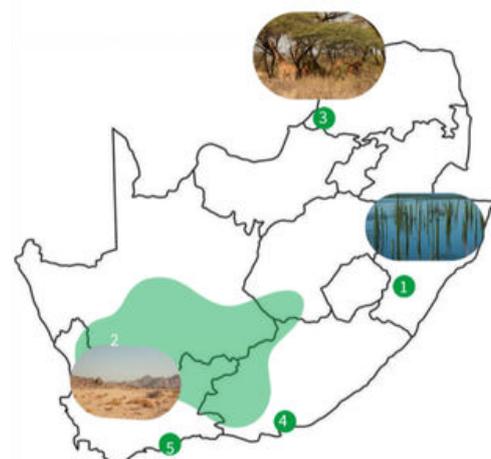
Our Community Nature Names

Meadhbh asked us 'If we were to rename our own town to connect with Global Goal 15: Life on Land, what would we call our town or country?'. Here are all of our amazing answers.

Donegal: Hills of the sheep

Glenageary: Town of the Evergreen

Mayo: Geocarra

Stillorgan: Land of the Foxes

Kilcoole: The Land of Kindness

Kilgarvan: Garden of the Animals

Charleville: Clean Cheese Land

Macroom: Town of the animals

Castletownbere: Mother of Two Powers

Castletownbere, Ireland: Mother of Two Powers
Charleville, Ireland: Clean Cheese Land
Glenageary, Ireland: Town of the Evergreen (because we are keeping the earth green and healthy!)
Kilgarvan, Ireland: Garden of the Animals
Stillorgan, Ireland: Land of the Foxes (because we have so many foxes!)
Kilcoole, Ireland: The Land of Green
Mayo, Ireland: Geocarra (because we're near the new geo park of Lough Carra!)
Macroom, Ireland: GAA town (because the best sport is GAA!)
Kilcoole, Ireland: The Valley of Green Fields
Macroom, Ireland: Town of the animals
Macroom, Ireland: Animal Park
Wicklow, Ireland: The Garden of Ireland
Donegal, Ireland: Hills of the sheep (there are lots of sheep in Donegal!)
Gort na Beatha, Ireland: The Meadow of Life
Kilcoole, Ireland: The Shining Fields
Castletownbere: Sheep Shore (because of coastal sheep farming!)
Macroom, Ireland: Castle Town
Kilcoole, Ireland: The Land of Kindness
Clonskeagh, Ireland: Meadow of the Hawthorn (Cluain Sceach in Irish language)

Sharjah: The Land of History

Dubai: Queen of History

UAE: Land of the mighty deserts
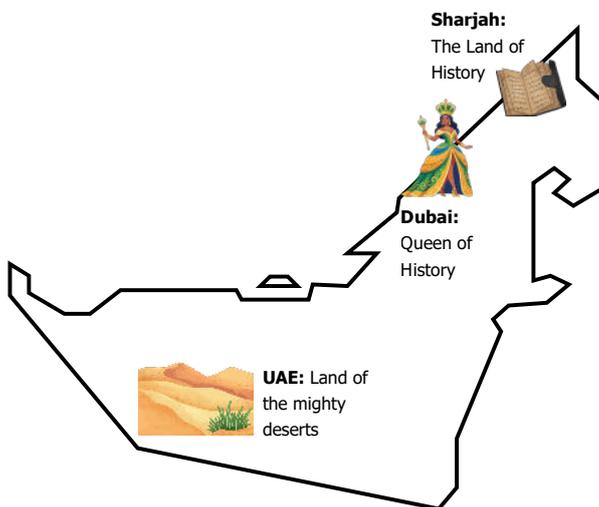
Dubai, UAE: Queen of History (because it is filled with old history)
Dubai, UAE: Bloom City
Golona: City of flowers
Ekavrkshaisah: The one with trees (meaning of the word in Sanskrit)
UAE: Land of the mighty deserts (because UAE, Dubai has a lot of deserts)
Dubai, UAE: Bio Bloom City
Discovery Gardens, UAE: Beauty of Nature and Unique Birds
Dubai, UAE: Sustainable new city (as it is a new city which evolved really fast and focuses on sustainability)
Dubai, UAE: The Land of Respect
Ard Aljamal: Land of Camels
Sharjah, UAE: The Land of History

Durban: The Land of Endless Adventure

Durban, South Africa: The Land of Endless Adventure
India: Hamara Bharat (this means 'Our Land')
India: Land of Biodiversity and different cultures

Name: _____ **Date:**_____

What is a Place Name?

Many places are named after nature. Long ago, people named places after things they saw around them like:

- 🌳 trees and forests
- 🐦 birds and animals
- 🌊 rivers or lakes
- 🌱 plants and fields

Place names can help us learn about the nature that once lived (or still lives) in our area.

Investigating Our Place Names

Write the name of a local place you know (town, street, park, river, hill).

What do you think this name might mean?

Is it connected to nature? Circle or write the idea.

Tree   Animal   Bird   Plant   Water   Land   Other: _____

What species or type of nature might this place be named after?

Does This Nature Still Exist Here?

Think about the place today.

□ Yes, we can still see it
□ Maybe a little
□ Not anymore

Explain what you notice:

Protecting Nature

If this place was named after nature, it means it was important in the past.
What could we do to help protect the plants or animals connected to this place? Write two ideas.

Draw Your Place

Draw the place and the plants or animals that could live there.

Big Thinking

Protecting nature in our local area also helps the Global Goals.
Which Global Goals might this help?

□ Life on Land
□ Climate Action
□ Life Below Water
□ Sustainable Cities and Communities
□ Other (please describe) _____

Why does this help the Global Goals?

Global Goals Week Check-In

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How I feel about the programme so far:

😄 😍 😭 😢 😖

😑 🫥 🙂‍↕️ 😩 😤

🥱 😱 😖 💀 😡

Reason for my rating

My Goal for Global Goals Week:

Something I am looking forward to during Global Goals Week