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Water Action Cards

Green-Schools

Themes

Everyday Water

Follow the journey of tap water and learn how to protect this precious resource.



Hidden Water

Uncover the hidden water and pollution in clothes and food and learn how to keep them in use for longer.



Wild Water

Explore your local river, lake, bog, estuary, shoreline or pond and help protect it.



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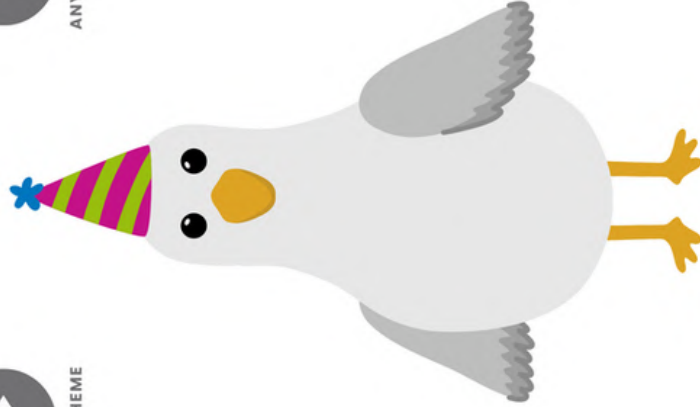
Water Action Cards

How to Use the Cards

- 1 Pick a card at random or one that catches your eye.
- 2 Share why you like (or don't like) it.
- 3 Discuss:
 - (a) Which actions might appeal to different types of people at school (e.g. active, creative, social); and
 - (b) Which actions match your Environmental Review findings.
- 4 Select 2-3 actions and plan them.

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Wild Card



ANY ACTION
TYPE

ANY THEME

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Choose Your Own Action

WINS

- How will the action help conserve water?
- Will you, your school or your community benefit?

TIPS

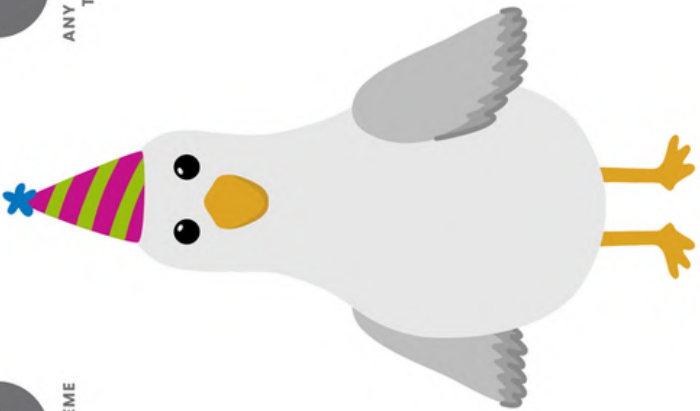
- What things can you do to make it a success?
- Who could you involve?

RESOURCES

- What tools or learning could help you plan it?



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Organise a Film Screening



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Organise a Film Screening



WINS



- Learn something new.
- Have a school movie day.
- Get lots of people involved at one time.

TIPS



- Hold a vote and let your school help pick the film.
- Invite parents, coaches, and neighbours.

RESOURCES



Water-themed
documentaries
& films

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Run a Water Workshop



WATER
CONSERVATION

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CONSERVATION

ANY THEME



Create a Mural

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Run a Water Workshop



WINS

- Get others excited about water with fun lessons.
- Master water topics by teaching them to others.



TIPS

- Run a practice workshop.
- Make it your own—add school photos and jokes!

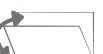


RESOURCES



Adapt slides from the **Water Theme Learning Series** for your own school

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Create a Mural



WINS

- Express yourself, have fun & bond with others.
- Create lasting inspiration.



TIPS

- Partner with your art teacher & local artists.
- Choose a team that connects to your school.



RESOURCES

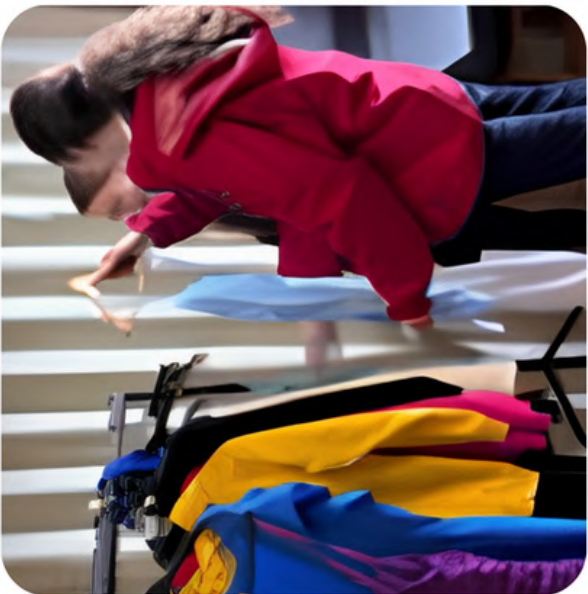


Painting for Change

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Swap Clothes



RE-USE



HIDDEN WATER



Swap Clothes

WINS

- Get new clothes for free.
- Extend the life of clothes.

TIPS

- Promote event early.
- Secure a space.

RESOURCES



[Swap Shop Toolkit](#)

Upcycle Clothes



ARTS



HIDDEN WATER



Upcycle Clothes

WINS

- Give clothes new life.
- Personalise your clothes.
- Learn a useful skill.

TIPS

- Find someone with experience.

RESOURCES



[Let's Fix Fashion Upcycling Guide](#)

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Stop Food Waste



TEACHING



HIDDEN WATER



Stop Food Waste



WINS

- Save water, energy & money by saving food.



TIPS

- Teach over a few weeks.
- Survey students before & after.



RESOURCES



Lesson Plan

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Join the Shower Showdown



WATER CONSERVATION



EVERYDAY WATER



Join the Shower Showdown



WINS

- Save water & energy.
- Create a buzz in school.



TIPS

- Spread the word.
- Involve everyone.
- Make it fun!



RESOURCES



Shower Showdown Toolkit

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Take the Daily Swaps Challenge



WATER
CONSERVATION



EVERYDAY WATER



Take the Daily Swaps Challenge



WINS

- See how water plays a big role in our lives.
- Save water + energy & avoid waste.



TIPS

- Run a fun campaign.
- Promote simple changes that are easy to make.



RESOURCES



Daily Swaps
Toolkit

Team Up as Leak Detectives



WATER
CONSERVATION



EVERYDAY WATER



Team Up as Leak Detectives



WINS

- Spot where water is being wasted.



TIPS

- Report leaks to the school's caretaker and principal—they can get them fixed!



RESOURCES



Leak Detective
Hand-Out

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Collect Rainwater



WATER
CONSERVATION



EVERYDAY WATER



Collect Rainwater

WINS



- Conserve tap water by watering the garden with stored rainwater.

TIPS



- Organise a fundraiser.
- Get help from the caretaker to install it.

RESOURCES



Water conservation
in the school
garden

EVERYDAY WATER



RE-USE



Install a Refill Station

WINS



- Re-use bottles
- Stay hydrated

TIPS



- Apply for an ESD grant.
- Grants may be available from councils in Cork & Waterford.

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ESD funding

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Run a 3Ps Campaign



EVERYDAY WATER



POLLUTION



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Play with Water



WINS

- Spark curiosity & wonder.
- Explore with the senses.



TIPS

- Re-use water for plants or flushing.



RESOURCES



Benefits of water play.

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Run a 3Ps Campaign



WINS

- Have fun teaching young and old that only the 3Ps (Pee, Poo & Paper) go in the toilet.



TIPS

- Bring it to life with experiments and games.



RESOURCES



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Create a Mascot



EVERYDAY WATER



EXPERIENCE



EVERYDAY WATER



ARTS



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Visit a Water Treatment Plant



EVERYDAY WATER



EXPERIENCE



EVERYDAY WATER



ARTS



Create a Mascot

WINS



- Build a mascot people love and remember.

TIPS



- Upcycle material.
- Name your mascot.

RESOURCES



Steps to design
a mascot

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Visit a Water Treatment Plant



EVERYDAY WATER



EXPERIENCE



EVERYDAY WATER



ARTS



Visit a Water Treatment Plant

WINS



- See the process.
- Hear from experts.

TIPS



- Contact a local plant early in the school year.

RESOURCES



Learn where tap
water comes
from and how
it's treated

Experiment with Hidden Pollution



POLLUTION



EVERYDAY WATER



Experiment with Hidden Pollution



WINS

- Get people excited with a fun demonstration of why we treat water so it's safe to drink.



TIPS

- Get as many people involved as you can!

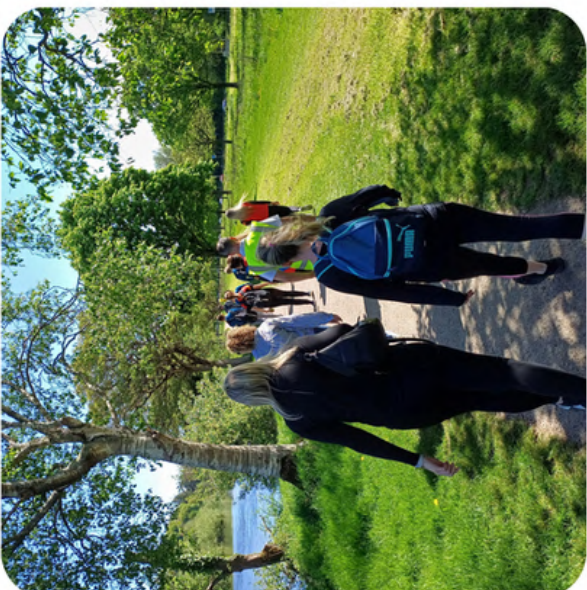


RESOURCES



Taste Test:
Invisible Pollution
Experiment

Walk for Water



MOVE IT



WILD WATER



Walk for Water



WINS

- Get to know your local river, lake or bog.
- Be active.



TIPS

- Make a big day out of it.
- Plan it in the sunnier months.



RESOURCES



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Pick Litter



POLLUTION



WILD WATER



Try Water Sports



MOVE IT



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Pick Litter



WINS

- Become aware of litter.
- Be part of the solution.
- Help from source to sea.



TIPS

- Link up with groups like Tidy Towns or Clean Coast to increase impact.



RESOURCES



Clean Coast
Groups

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Try Water Sports



WINS

- Be active outdoors.
- Create memories at a local waterbody.



TIPS

- Connect with an outdoor centre.



RESOURCES



How to enjoy
rivers safely.

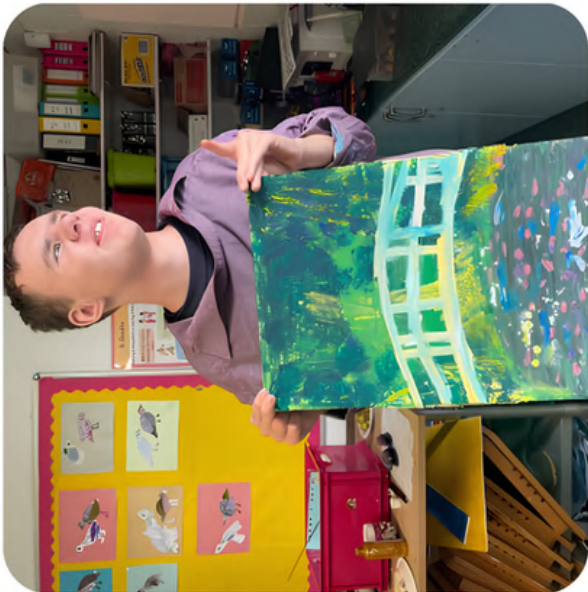
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Create Art



ARTS



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Create Art



WINS

- Closely observe and connect with nature.
- Express your feelings.



TIPS

- Organise an exhibition with a few words from the artists.



RESOURCES



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Keep an eye out on @greenschoolsire for competitions or organise your own!

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Connect Through Stories



ARTS



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Connect Through Stories



WINS

- Captivate an audience by telling modern and old stories about water.



TIPS

- Ask someone who can tell stories very well... this could be you!



RESOURCES



Global Goals
Bookclub

Assess River Health



EXPERIENCE



WILD WATER



Assess River Health



WINS

- Discover how healthy your local river is.
- Be a citizen scientist.



TIPS

- Share your findings.
- Repeat annually.



RESOURCES



Big River Watch
Citizen Science

Walk in the Rain



EXPERIENCE



WILD WATER



Walk in the Rain



WINS

- Learn through observation where water flows and pools.



TIPS

- Bring wellies and a raincoat.



RESOURCES



Rainy Day
Educational
Activities

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Explore a Salmon's Journey



TEACHING



WILD WATER



Explore a Salmon's Journey



WINS

- Follow salmon's epic journey.
- See rivers in a new way.



TIPS

- Follow up with a visit to your local river.
- Hear from an angler.

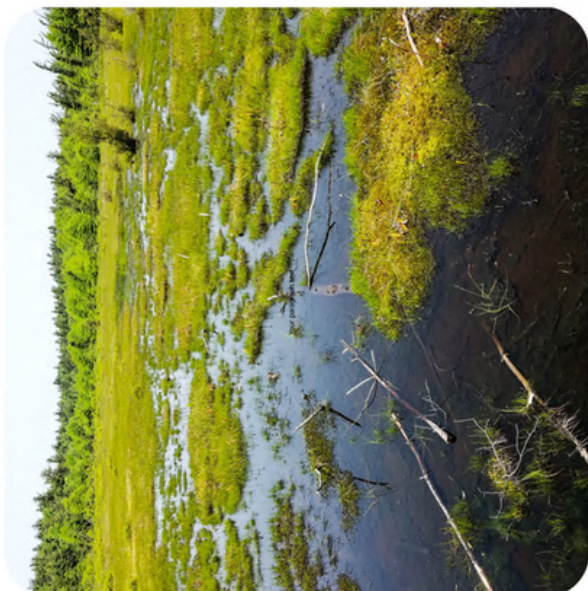


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Salmon
sanctuaries
lessons

Learn about Bogs



TEACHING



WILD WATER



Learn about Bogs



WINS

- Learn how bogs are as important as the Amazon forest.



TIPS

- Plan a visit to the bog.



RESOURCES



Photography
by Tina Claffey



Lessons

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Create a Pond



EXPERIENCE



WILD WATER



Create a Pond



WINS

- Help plants & animals.
- Observe wildlife.
- Create a relaxation spot.



TIPS

- Find grants & experts at the Hare's Corner.



RESOURCES



Grants



How to
create a pond

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Study Biodiversity & Report Invasives



EXPERIENCE



WILD WATER



Study Biodiversity & Report Invasives



WINS

- Discover local wildlife.
- Protect native habitats.



TIPS

- Notice it all, from bugs to trees.
- Don't just look—smell, listen and feel, too.



RESOURCES



Learning &
reporting



Spotter
sheets

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