



Green-Schools **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.

Green-Schools Water Action Cards

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.



ANY THEME



ANY ACTION
TYPE



Wild Card



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

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ANY THEME



WATER
CONSERVATION



Organise a Film Screening



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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



ANY THEME



WATER
CONSERVATION



Run a Water Workshop



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



ANY THEME



WATER
CONSERVATION



Create a Mural



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.



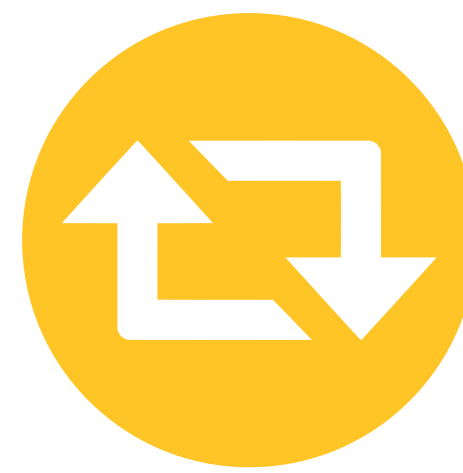
RESOURCES



Painting for Change



HIDDEN WATER



RE-USE



Swap Clothes

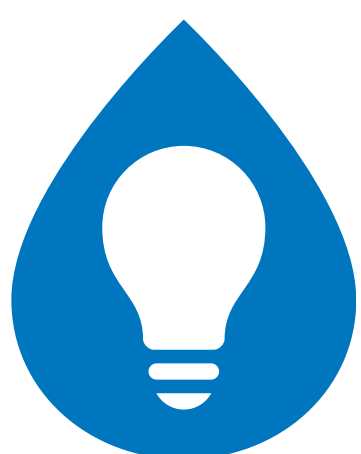


Swap Clothes



WINS

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



TIPS

- Promote event early.
- Secure a space.



RESOURCES



Swap Shop
Toolkit



HIDDEN WATER



ARTS



Upcycle Clothes



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



HIDDEN WATER



TEACHING

Waste-Free Lunch Day



Bring your tasty lunch, eat it all up and help the planet shine!

Stop Food Waste



Stop Food Waste



WINS

- Save water, energy & money by saving food.



TIPS

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



RESOURCES



[Lesson Plan](#)



EVERYDAY WATER



WATER
CONSERVATION

**CITH GASTA,
CEOL LASTA**



**Join the Shower
Showdown**



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



EVERYDAY WATER



WATER
CONSERVATION



Take the Daily Swaps Challenge



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



EVERYDAY WATER



WATER
CONSERVATION



Team Up as Leak Detectives

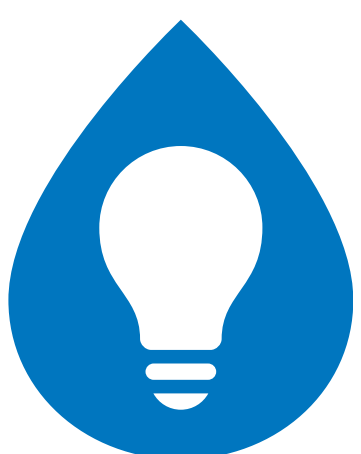


Team Up as Leak Detectives



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



EVERYDAY WATER



WATER
CONSERVATION



Collect Rainwater

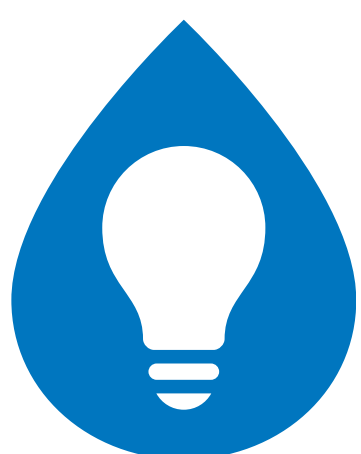


Collect Rainwater



WINS

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



TIPS

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



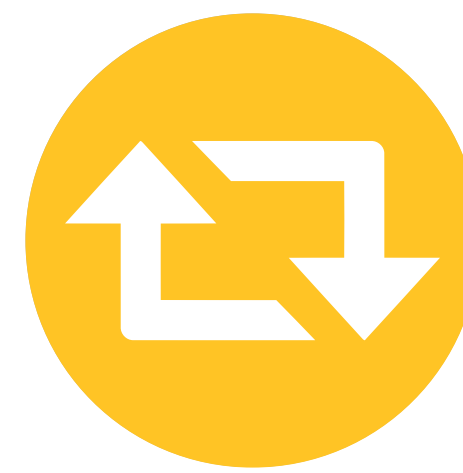
RESOURCES



Water
conservation
in the school
garden



EVERYDAY WATER



RE-USE



Install a Refill Station



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.



RESOURCES



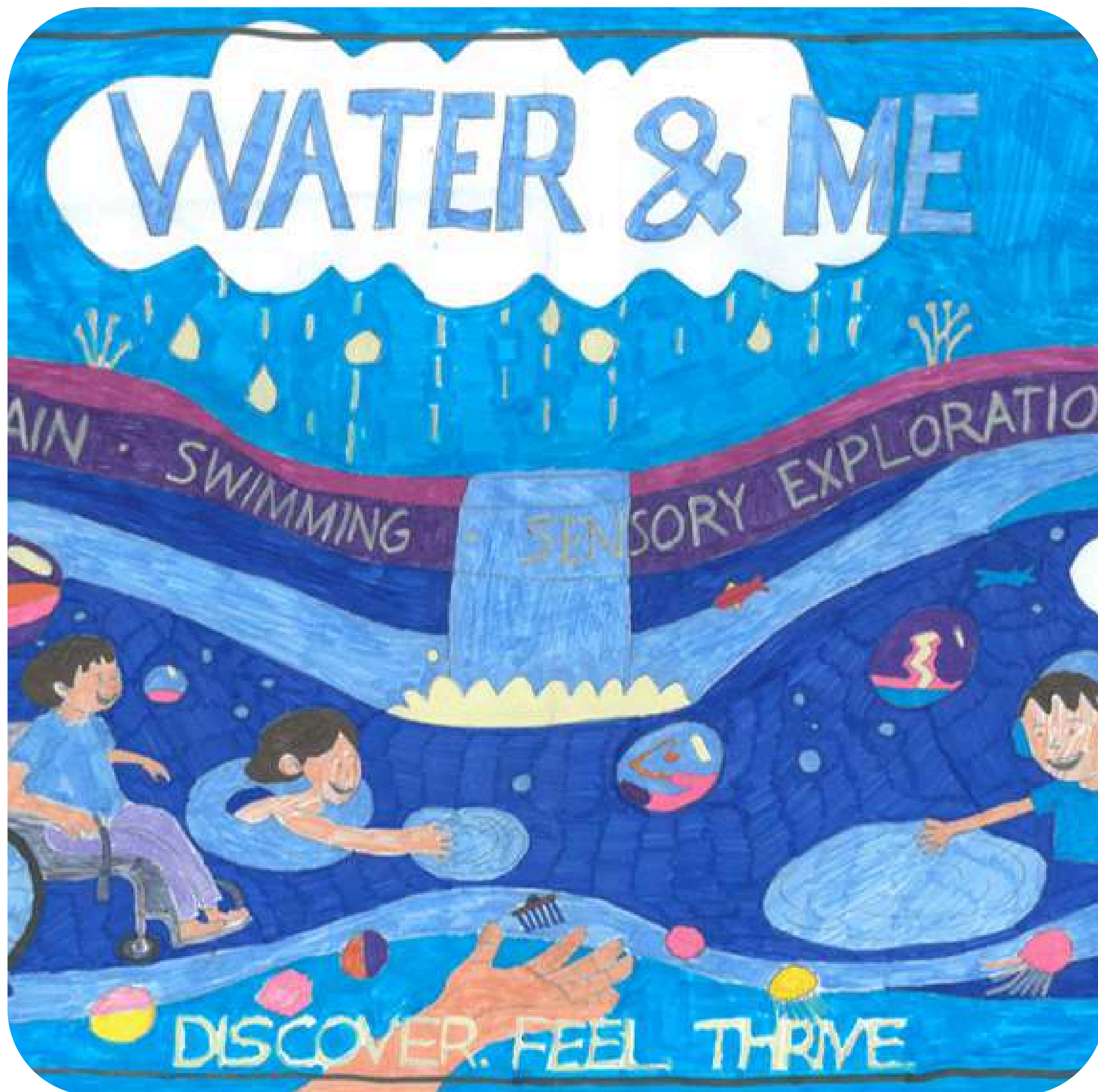
ESD funding



EVERYDAY WATER



EXPERIENCE



Play with Water



Play with Water



WINS

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



TIPS

- Re-use water for plants or flushing.



RESOURCES



Benefits of
water play.



EVERYDAY WATER



POLLUTION



**Run a
3Ps Campaign**



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



TBYPF Campaign
Resources



EVERYDAY WATER



ARTS



Create a Mascot



Create a Mascot



WINS

- Build a mascot people love and remember.



TIPS

- Upcycle material.
- Name your mascot.



RESOURCES



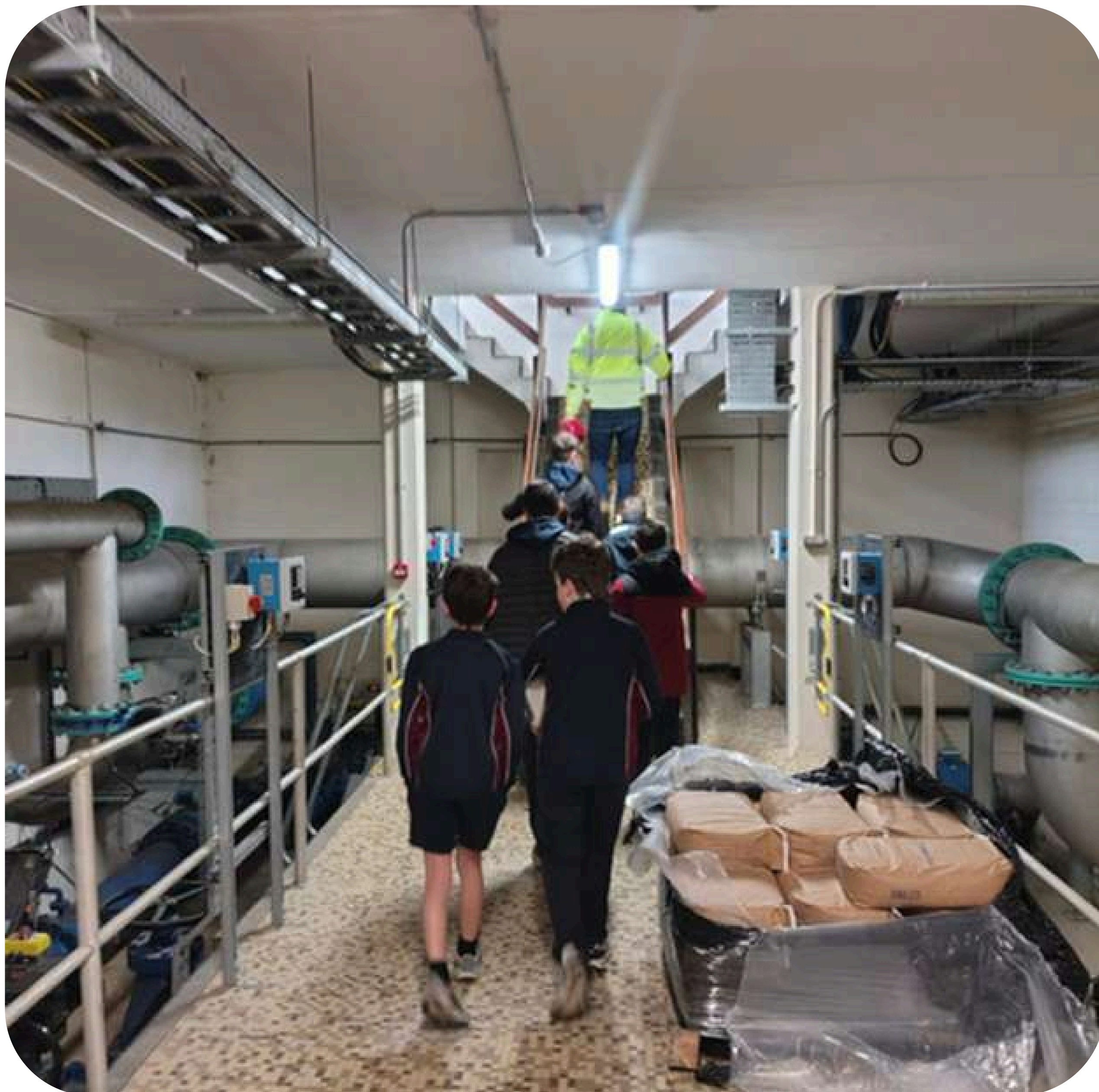
Steps to design
a mascot



EVERYDAY WATER



EXPERIENCE



Visit a Water Treatment Plant



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



EVERYDAY WATER



POLLUTION



Experiment with Hidden Pollution

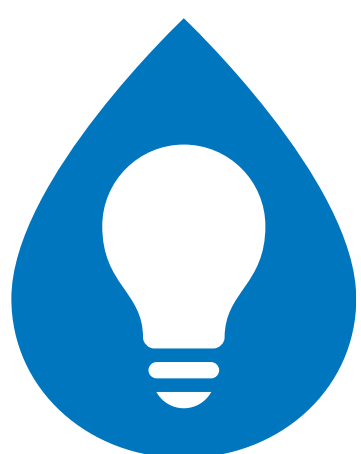


Experiment with Hidden Pollution



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



WILD WATER



MOVE IT



Walk for 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



Walk for Water
inspiration



WILD WATER



POLLUTION



Pick Litter

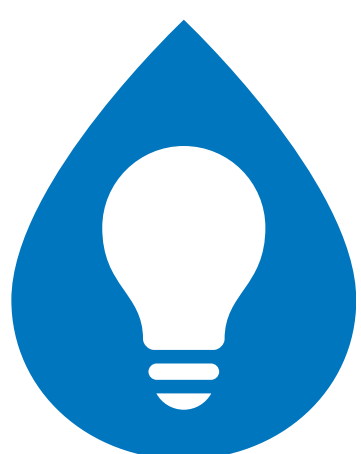


Pick Litter



WINS

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

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



Clean Coast
Groups



WILD WATER



MOVE IT



Try Water Sports



Try Water Sports



WINS

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

- Connect with an outdoor centre.
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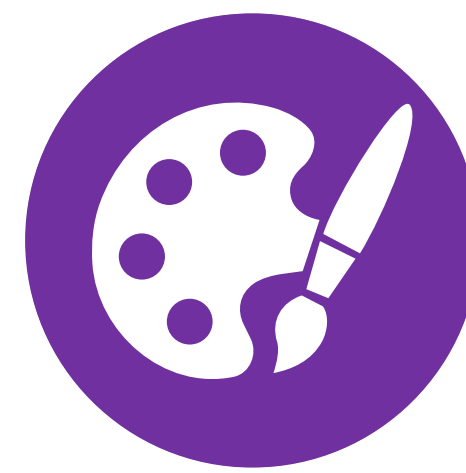
RESOURCES



How to enjoy
rivers safely.



WILD WATER



ARTS



Create Art

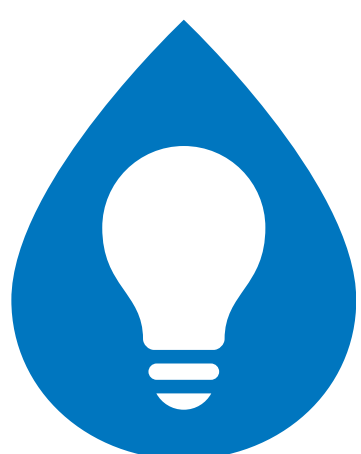


Create Art



WINS

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



TIPS

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



RESOURCES



Green-Schools

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



WILD WATER



ARTS



Connect Through Stories



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



WILD WATER



EXPERIENCE



Assess River Health



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



WILD WATER



EXPERIENCE



Walk in the Rain

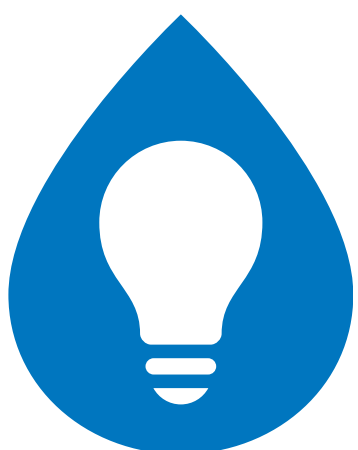


Walk in the Rain



WINS

- Learn through observation where water flows and pools.



TIPS

- Bring wellies and a raincoat.



RESOURCES



Rainy Day
Educational
Activities



WILD WATER



TEACHING



Explore a Salmon's Journey



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.



RESOURCES



Salmon
sanctuaries
lessons



WILD WATER



TEACHING



Learn about Bogs



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



WILD WATER



EXPERIENCE



Create a Pond



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



WILD WATER



EXPERIENCE



Study Biodiversity & Report Invasives



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